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INDIA'S COVID-19 TOLL NEARS 50K, TOTAL CASES AT 25.8 LAKH

Total deaths climbed to 49,980 on Sunday morning with 944 people succumbing to the infection in 24 hours

DEATH RATE AMONG WORLD'S LOWEST

India will be the fourth country after the US, Mexico and Brazil to hit the grim toll of 50,000 deaths. However, the country's fatality rate, which fell to 1.93% on Sunday, is among the lowest in the world. "The USA crossed 50,000 deaths in 23 days, Brazil in 95 days and Mexico in 141 days. India took 156 days to reach this national figure," the Union health ministry said

RECOVERY RATE CLIMBS TO 72%

- Accounting for 53,322 fresh recoveries since Saturday morning, a total of 18.62 lakh people have recovered from the infection. India's recovery rate of 72% is much higher than the US's 52%.
- With 19,749 deaths, Maharashtra has reported 39.5% of all Covid fatalities in India. Tamil Nadu with 5,641 deaths (11.2%), follows

6.77 lakh
ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES IN INDIA AS OF SUNDAY MORNING

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Several firsts to mark Parliament monsoon session

UV virus killer, staggered seating of MPs on cards; session likely to start by month-end

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@New Delhi

WITH the monsoon session of Parliament expected to start soon, hectic preparations are underway to make the Houses safe for lawmakers in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

The measures include seating the MPs in chambers and galleries to meet physical distancing norms, installing 10 large screens to help members watch House proceedings. Also, ultraviolet germicidal irradiation system will be used to kill micro-organisms.

Sixty members will be seated in the chamber and 51 in the galleries of the Rajya Sabha (leaving out the 1st row) and 132 in the LS chamber.

This is the first time in the history of Indian Parliament since 1952 that such an arrangement will be in place.

Two shifts
Both Houses usually function simultaneously. But this time, one House will sit during morning hours and the other in the evening, say sources

Among the additional installations are four large display screens of 85" size each in the chamber and six of 40" size each in the four galleries.

Polycarbonate sheets will separate the officials' gallery of the Rajya Sabha from the chamber. There will be audio consoles in the galleries, while special cables will connect the two Houses to transmit audio-visual signals.

"All these arrangements mark the first-of-its-kind session to be held in compliance with the social distancing norms. Using the chambers and galleries of both Houses for holding the session is a first in the history of Indian Parliament since 1952," said the RS secretariat.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla had met on July 17 to examine various options to hold session.

RAIN, DELUGE BRING WIDESPREAD MISERY

The overflowing Krishna river has inundated farmlands along its banks at Manjri village in Chikkodi taluk on Sunday | EXPRESS

With most roads submerged, people use afibre-made motor boat to cross a channel near Vijayawada on Sunday | PRASANT MADUGULA

Belagavi comes to halt
Heavy rain in the last 24 hours brought life to a standstill in Belagavi on Sunday. Several low-lying areas in the city were inundated due to clogged drains. P5

Rivers in spate
Incessant showers in Maharashtra have resulted in Krishna and Ghataprabha rivers getting swollen, creating panic among villagers residing on the river banks.

13 villages flooded
Water from Godavari river has flooded 13 villages in the East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. More than 1,800 people have been shifted to seven rehabilitation centres. P5

350 houses damaged
About 350 houses have been damaged. With water levels of Godavari set to increase, authorities are on high alert. At least five National Disaster Response Force teams have been deployed

2 arrested for rape, murder of minor in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh police on Sunday dismissed reports of brutality on the body of a 13-year-old girl who was raped and killed in Lakhimpur Kheri district. Officials said her post-mortem report stated the death was due to strangulation after rape, adding that two men have been arrested for the crime that took place on Friday.

Earlier, media reports claimed grievous injuries were inflicted on the victim's tongue and eyes. According to local police sources, the girl had gone to her fields on Friday afternoon. When she did not return, her family started looking for her and found her body in a sugarcane field. The incident has put the Yogi Adityanath government in a spot with the Opposition berating the government over the law and order situation.

Deputy SP, Dhaurahra, Abhishek Pratap said the two culprits were arrested on Friday night itself. He added that Sanjay Gautam and Santosh Yadav were arrested on the basis of the complaint filed by the girl's father.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav accused the state government of shielding criminals who commit rape, kidnapping and murder.

"The police must initiate such strong action that it becomes a deterrent for criminals," said Congress leader Jitin Prasada.

POLICE TO INVOKE N.S.A. AGAINST ACCUSED

Lakhimpur Kheri SP Satyendra Kumar said the accused have been booked under offences of murder and gangrape. The National Security Act will aslo be invoked against the accused, he added

Ex-cricketer, UP minister Chauhan dies of Covid-19

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A former cricketer and a minister in the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, Chetan Chauhan, died on Sunday due to Covid-19. He had tested positive for coronavirus on July 11 and was admitted to Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow. Later, on July 31, he was shifted to Medanta hospital in Gurugram as his condition deteriorated.

Doctors at Medanta said, Chauhan died of multiple-organ failure.Chauhan played 40 Tests and 7 ODIs from 1969 to 1981.

He is regarded as the best opening partner Sunil Gavaskar ever had. Together, they shared 11 Test century stands, 10 of them for the opening wicket. He was particularly effective against the fast bowlers of Australia and Pakistan. Not flashy as a batsman, he put a premium on his wicket and was difficult to dislodge. P11

EXPRESS READ

Pvt train operators can choose halts
Private operators who will be handed over 150 trains to ply on 109 routes by the Railways will have the freedom to choose halt stations of the trains they operate, documents released by Indian Railways have shown.

Telephone service on between UAE, Israel
Telephone service between the UAE and Israel began on Sunday as the two countries opened diplomatic ties, part of a deal brokered by the US that required Israel to halt its plan to annex West Bank land sought by the Palestinians. | P9

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K'taka cabinet to discuss ban on PFI at next meeting

ANUSHA RAVI & BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Cabinet is expected to discuss the issue of banning the Popular Front of India (PFI), the ideological wing of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), at its next meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday.

If Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa approves the proposal, the State Home Ministry will write to the Union Home Ministry with its recommendations.

While the State Government cannot propose a ban on the SDPI, since it is a political outfit that has contested elections in Karnataka, the cabinet ministers are set to propose a ban on the PFI.

The SDPI, which was registered as a political party with the Election Commission of India in 2013, has been making gradual inroads, cornering minority votes, in Karnataka since the 2013 Assembly elections. "They managed to retain their deposit in the Narasimharaja Assembly constituency in Mysuru," a political analyst, who did not want to be named, pointed out. CONTINUED ON: P5

PROHIBITORY ORDERS EXTENDED

City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant has extended prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC in DJ Halli and KG Halli till August 18. A company of the Rapid Action Force patrolled the area of Sunday too, even as family members, mainly women, protested near DJ Halli police station demanding to know why their sons and brothers were taken into custody when they were at home when the violence broke out. The police, however, dispersed the group citing prohibitory orders.

VIRAL ATTACK

27 men at ITBP's Belagavi camp test positive in a day

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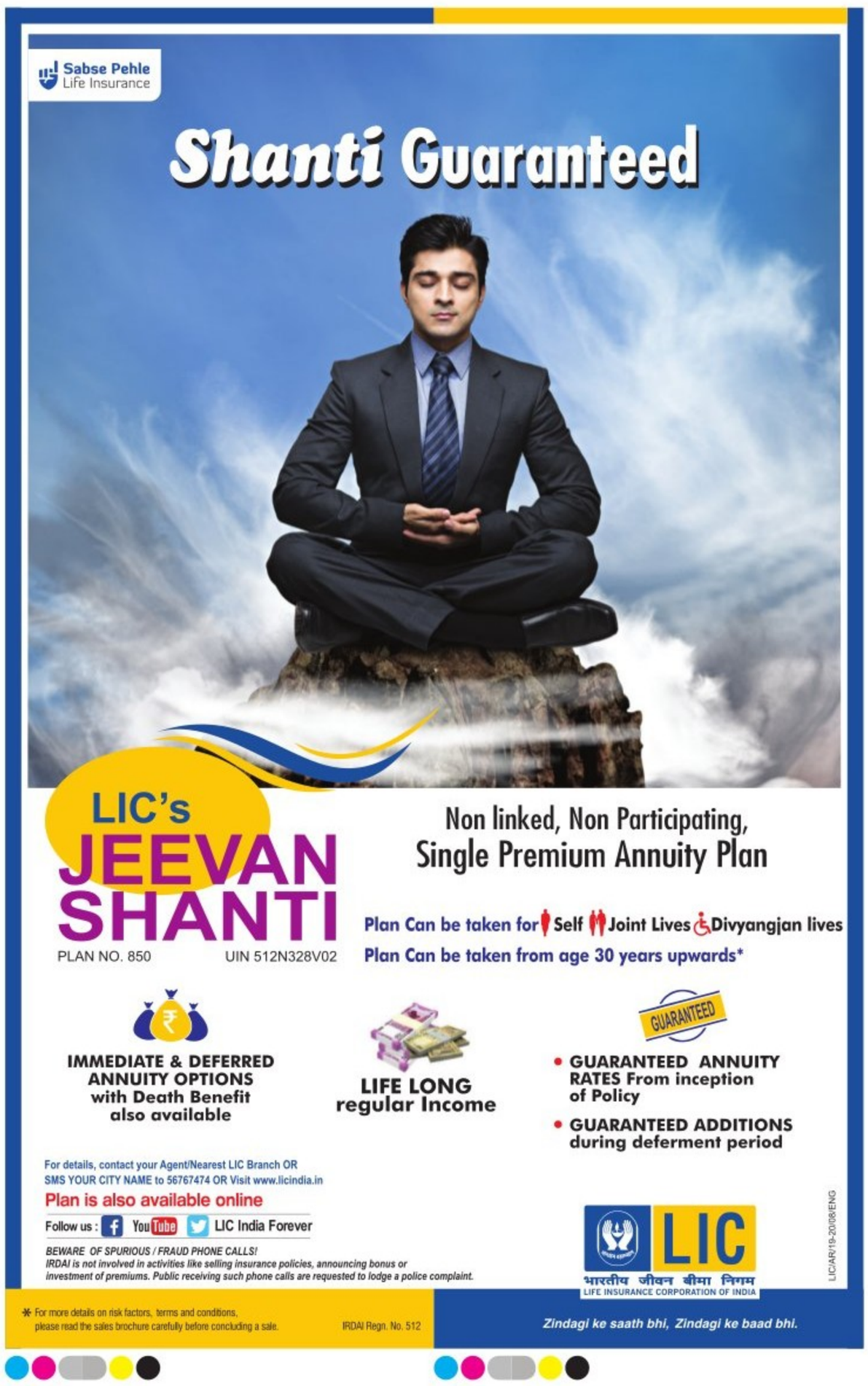
IN the biggest single-day spike, 27 personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Force have tested positive for Covid-19 at the CIJW School at Halbhavi Camp in Belagavi on Friday. So far, the numbers had remained in single digits, according to sources. However, the establishment was not forthcoming on whether more personnel had tested positive on subsequent days.

Some personnel of the Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) School, at Torali village in Khanapur jungles, which trains Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans, and the Army Station in Belagavi have also tested positive. They are all being treated at the Military Hospital in Belagavi, sources said.

On Saturday, Belagavi Superintendent of Police Laxman Nimbargi also tested positive for coronavirus during random testing.

Meanwhile, 478 new cases were recorded in the district on Sunday while 410 patients, who had recovered, were discharged. Of the total of 7,810 cases so far, 3,769 are still active while 3,920 patients have recovered. The district has recorded 121 Covid casualties as of Sunday.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SECOND INNINGS

MSD pads up for organic fertiliser venture

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DONE with playing cricket for India, MS Dhoni's second innings is likely to see him spend more time with his business ventures.

The former skipper, who will continue to play for Chennai Super Kings, remains a sought-after name in the endorsement world. But there is an organic fertiliser project that might take up a chunk of his time after this year's IPL.

According to Mihir Diwakar, MD of Aarka Sports which manages Dhoni and other cricketers, the player from Ranchi has become a stakeholder in New Global. This company has two products in the market already and plans to increase the number to 15.

"Dhoni will be associated in a big way and I will be in the UAE in September to finalise talks with him about this and other matters. He has tested the organic fertiliser in his farmhouse," said Diwakar.

New Global has factories in Mumbai and Bhavnagar in Gujarat, other than an office in New Delhi. Dhoni seems to be impressed with what he has seen. "Dhoni is happy with the product and has acquired a big stake. This will be launched formally after the IPL," added Diwakar.

Brand likely to stay intact
Dhoni's business partners and managers are confident the brand won't be affected post India retirement. He endorses nearly 30 brands | P11

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• **Monday** 17/08/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Shravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Thrayodashi 10.22 am • **Nakshatra:** Pushyami 5.22 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST
Rain showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.07 am
Sunset 6.39 pm
Moonrise 4.08 am
Moonset 5.22 pm

Mysuru-Bidar industrial corridor, economic policy on the cards: DyCM

Future Karnataka Summit 2020 webinar dwells on reforms, focuses on industrialisation, startups

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Sunday said the government was working on developing and strengthening the Mysuru-Bidar industrial corridor on the lines of the Bengaluru-Chennai and Bengaluru-Mumbai corridors, and would soon announce an economic system policy to help enhance R&D of the electronics industry. "Formation of a new policy to strengthen the sector is on the cards," he said, while speaking at the Future Karnataka Summit 2020 webinar.

Speaking at the inauguration of the webinar, where 25 leaders discussed various topics, the DyCM said that apart from information and technology, the government is also working towards bringing reforms in the special economic regions through industrialisation.

A list of items is being prepared on what countries like Japan, Taiwan, Korea and the USA need, and Karnataka will take the lead in manufacturing and exporting those items. A special investigation task force has been formed under the chief secretary.

He said their target is to make Karnataka a $500-billion market in the next five years. "Of the Fortune 500 companies, at least 400 have a presence in Karnataka, and now the state is working towards drawing the remaining also."

While earlier, the state would buy PPE kits, now each day, five lakh PPE kits are being made against the demand for 1.95 lakh kits. Soon, the state will start exporting them to other countries, Narayan added.

"The opposition has criticised the government over the APMC Act, industrial policies and many other decisions. However, they should know that it has been accepted well by citizens, farmers and the industrial sector. Many have already started to reap its benefits. It has been ascertained that 16% GDP is from the agricultural sector, so the government is making all efforts to increase the Goods and Services Tax network from this sector. Even a 1% increase will make a lot of difference, hence agri-tech is the focus of the government now, and many startups are showing interest in this field," he said.

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> Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, Dy CM

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> Suresh Prabhu, ex-Union minister

Startups can fill gaps in economy: Ex-min

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INDIA'S growth story is in the private sector and startups should be encouraged as they have the ideas to fill in the gaps of what industries, the service sector, and governments want. They can help reduce small imports, former Union minister Suresh Prabhu said on Saturday.

For Make in India to be successful, there is a need to make design and intellectual property in India, Prabhu said during the Future Karnataka Summit 2020, which saw participation from 25 leaders. It was organised by Sphere Travelmedia and Exhibitions.

For Atmanirbhar Bharat, state governments should focus on improving district infrastructure and set up industries in small districts. India is no more just a steel, cement and nuclear energy manufacturer, but has moved into small sectors in which tier 2 and 3 cities play a crucial role, he said.

Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said India has a shortage of data entry operators who are required to make the National Digital Health Mission a reality. The digital health mission would require data entry operators to create health cards for patients from all hospitals and clinics and digitise them, she said. She also said Karnataka should focus on setting up a vaccine manufacturing unit, which it does not have and that the pharma sector should now focus on developing skills and the next generation of vaccines.

Kris Gopalakrishnan, executive vice-chairperson of Infosys said that to achieve the Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, there is a need to understand what consumers want and dominate the market like India did with the manufacture of two-wheelers. India should focus on biotech, pharma, vaccines, floriculture, medical equipment sectors, which have high export demand, he said.

PREPPING FOR FEST

A child artist gives finishing touches to an idol of Lord Ganesha at a workshop in Bengaluru on Sunday. Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated across the state on August 22 | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

PU STUDENTS CAN SWITCH COLLEGES BY SEPTEMBER 30

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PRE-UNIVERSITY students can switch colleges before September 30, said the Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE).

According to an official statement by DPUE, a student enrolled for I-PUC can shift to another college after getting permission from the principal of their present college. The student needs to submit a certified document to the new college, mentioning the duration of the term attended at the initially-enrolled institution.

A student, who could not write the final examination over attendance shortage and wishes to switch to a different college needs to get clearance for the same from both the colleges.

However, a II-PU student, who wishes to change college, needs to download a document from www.pue.kar.nic.in and submit the filled copy to the principal of the college where they attended the I-PU course.

The department said the principals of the two colleges — where the student completed his or her I-PU and the college where they want to pursue II-PU — need to hold correspondence and provide details about the student. Admission at the new college needs to be confirmed by the principal, subjecting to the availability of seats for the subject combination the student had taken up during his first year. In this regard, principals of both the colleges are required to follow the DPUE guidelines mentioned in its website.

> **A II-PUC student, who could not write his final exam due to attendance shortage, and wants to switch to a new college, must obtain DPUE's permission**
> Dept of Pre-University Education

The department said a II-PUC student, who could not write his final exam due to attendance shortage, and wants to switch to a new college, must obtain DPUE's permission. A CBSE or ICSE student wishing to register for II-PUC must furnish transfer certificate from the relevant board to the department.

No relief offer, teachers to stage protest

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CAUGHT between a rock and a hard place, unaided school teachers and guest lecturers, under the aegis of the Teachers' and Management Forum, Karnataka, have decided to protest on August 19 demanding a relief package from the State government.

Although repeated appeals were made to the government to announce a special package for unaided school teachers and guest lecturers, the government has not respond positively. It has also not released RTE reimbursements which amount to Rs 1,025 crore, the forum has said.

Meanwhile, teachers from private schools in the city told TNIE that they are caught between salary cuts, parents' inability to pay fees, and the government's apathy.

"Teachers who were recruited to start work in March are not being appointed due to the financial crunch. The school has an obligation to pay salaries till April 2021, but parents are unwilling to pay fees even though there is an option of monthly instalments," said a source.

The government has asked schools not to put pressure parents for fees. And on the other hand, parents who are unable to pay their children's, are finding that schools have begun to cut off access to online classes.

Zoo animals get tricolour treats

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THIS Independence Day, animals at Bannerghatta Biological Park, were in for a colourful treat. They were given food based on the three colours of the national flag.

These included carrots, cabbage, green leaves, and blue grapes. These were fed to animals like star tortoises, Indian peafowl and Lion-tailed macaques.

While some of the tortoises came to munch on the carrots and grapes, the peafowl preferred grapes and the macaques enjoyed plucking the food.

Chairman of Karnataka State Human Rights Commission Justice D H Waghela and his wife visited the zoo and went on a safari on Sunday. They also released a set of butterflies, in the Butterfly Park.

A quiz was organised to create awareness on wildlife among visitors, in which five speople won the competition.

Star tortoises at Bannerghatta Biological Park enjoy treats on Independence Day

As many as 1,806 visitors visited the zoo on Sunday, making it the highest number since the lockdown was lifted.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17th August: We're now in the run-up to the next major Mars-Jupiter pattern, which makes us choose between reality and illusion. If that doesn't mean a lot to you then let me explain. Critical points in this cycle relate to our belief systems and religions. It seems to me that the next phase favours co-operation rather than conflict, which comes as something of a relief!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The week kicks off with a charming and practical Moon, a fair enough indication that if you want to get the best out of people you will have to be as solicitous, kind and charming as you can. Admit it: partners respond well to generous gestures, sympathetic words and practical help. Offer the carrot before the stick!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
On the whole it's a good day for routine work, so there are no big surprises there. On the other hand, it's a week for grand romantic passion, so slip out of your Taurean taboos and inhibitions now. It's time to show that you care! Even if you surprise someone!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The most significant factor today is the movement of your planetary ruler, Mercury, aligned with your house of relationships. This is a firm indication that from now until the very end of the month you must, at all times, remain in dialogue with partners on all matters.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
As from today you will begin to think anew about working commitments, but I suspect that you have a great many passions and pent-up feelings to release before you can formulate your thoughts coherently. You need to get your head and your heart working together.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
So much hinges around home and family relationships that it is difficult to imagine your achieving anything without the benefit of your unique past and background. For some of you it will be memories that dominate your actions, rather than actual people.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
One factor in your chart suggests domestic purchases, another endows common sense. Don't expect excitement, but do realise that the more you accomplish now, the more time you'll have to yourself later on. You may also expect a favour to be repaid, although don't hold your breath!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Today's lunar prospects are bound to give you more confidence but will, from time to time, bring up slightly painful memories. Actually, this is a perfect moment to assert your will in family relationships. You never know - perhaps partners will respect you more for your determination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If you can't put your finger on exactly what's going on, don't worry - you're almost certainly in good company. Only when other people have made you feel that you are wanted and valued will you be able to look back and see what you have been going through.

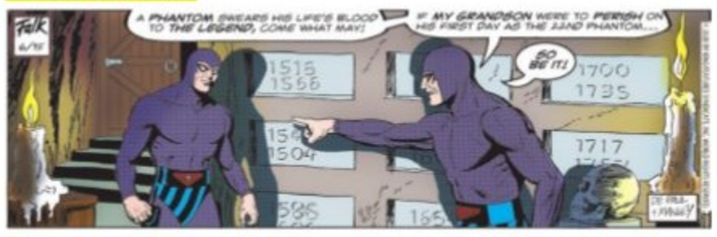
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The requirements of social stars don't just mean that you'll be mixing in friendly company. Even at work, it will be your ability to get on with people and operate as part of a team that determines your success. But, at home, you need to give people a good reason why they should do what you tell them!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
In the romantic department it may be too late to grasp a distant opportunity. Perhaps it was all an illusion in any case. On the other hand, quite aside from daily ups and downs, this is a week to bring out and develop your creative fantasies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There should be a sense of triumph in your life this week, almost as if you are about to get something right when other people have for so long doubted your true qualities and talents. You will soon prove yourself, so stick to what you know to be right.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
For once you are being encouraged to be true to your feelings, rather than covering them up. The trouble, as far as anyone can tell, is that the moment to act may have passed while you were dithering. Never mind, there's bound to be another chance, even if it's not exactly in the same form.

THE PHANTOM


A PHANTOM SWEARS HIS LIFE'S BLOOD TO THE LEGEND, COME WHAT MAY!
IF MY GRANDSON WERE TO PERISH ON HIS FIRST DAY AS THE 22ND PHANTOM...
SO BE IT!

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

BA DING! BA DING! BA DING!
HI, MR. B! I TOOK A HOME-SCHOOL BREAK TO SEE IF YOU WERE STILL NAPPING!
UH, YEAH, OKAY, ELMO
HE'S THE ONLY KID IN THE WORLD WHO COULD WAKE ME UP FROM 4 HOUSES AWAY

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

					1			4
		3				5		
		5		7	8		1	
					9			1
8	1						5	2
2			1					
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5			3					

EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

8	2	4	7	3	1	6	9	5
9	3	5	8	6	4	2	1	7
7	6	1	9	2	5	8	4	3
4	1	8	5	7	2	3	6	9
3	5	9	1	8	6	7	2	4
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5	4	3	2	1	8	9	7	6
6	9	2	3	5	7	4	8	1

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TFFHI

GNEBA

STUANN

GDDREE

Thank you! I thought I'd lost him.
That was quick!
He's back in rhythm. Let's get him to the hospital.
THE PARAMEDIC WAS TRAINED TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR AND COULD USE ONE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ALIBI ENACT GOTTEN PUMMEL
Answer: The boxer was finally given a shot at the championship, and it was — "A-BOUT" TIME

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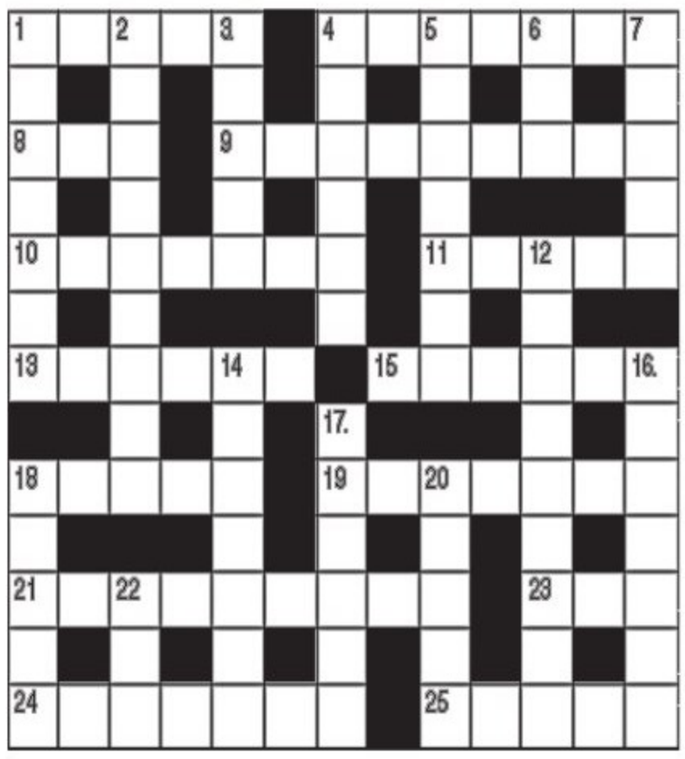
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 See someone stupid caught in a snare (5)
4 Sounding the horn as well as the sound of a bell (7)
8 The best-known surviving creature? (3)
9 An arm put round a pretty girl in game (9)
10 Alarm rattles disturb (7)
11 Stimulate with tale about the Orient (5)
13 King is jolly good sport (6)
15 Artistic piecework (6)
18 Note reciprocation about a point of principle (5)
19 I teach new apprentice in accordance with professional rules (7)
21 He has been forced into private service (9)
23 Man in a mix-up (3)
24 Meet and come up to expectations (7)
25 Bloom damaged by louts (5)

DOWN

1 Cut loss from one of the Plagues of Egypt (7)
2 Could be put into a suit case (9)
3 Round gold coin (5)
4 Gadget wrongly labelled (6)
5 He got on in form being energetic (2,3,2)
6 Sick but willing to fly out (3)
7 Maybe source of income for rector from single benefice (5)
12 He's violently opposed to the government (9)
14 Marks the broken section (7)
16 Date for Roman candles to be ordered (7)
17 Check provided in extreme case (6)
18 Correct signs (5)
20 We are kept away from home in it (5)
22 Fabric clear of all deductions (3)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Conclusive, 8 Laden, 9 Holdall, 10 Stepson, 11 Get-up, 12 Ogress, 14 Blow-up, 17 First, 19 In store, 21 Cabinet, 22 Angel, 23 Second-rate.

Down: 2 Old year, 3 Cones, 4 Ushant, 5 Illegal, 6 Exact, 7 Slap-up meal, 8 Loss of face, 13 Satanic, 15 Wrought, 16 Piston, 18 Rebus, 20 Stair.

Stop corporate funding in elections: SMK Former CM S M Krishna said in Bengaluru on Sunday that corporate funding in elections must stop, and the electoral system should be cleansed. He said that only when this practice ends, will things slowly fall into place

STRAWS IN THE WIND

It's the money, honey

Congress and JDS MLAs have for long complained — in fact, ever since the BJP government came into being 13 months ago — that their constituency funds had been cut and development was at a standstill. Now if that wasn't enough, BJP MLAs have set up a chorus, complaining about insufficient funds. Their refrain is that they are tired of telling their constituents that the government's coffers are empty. Since it's money that keeps the world greased and moving, necessary schemes have been put on hold too. Many BJP legislators who are knocking on the doors of ministers, begging bowls in hand, are politely told that all funds are being channelled into management of Covid or floods, everything else comes later.

Shoestring budget and dark days

More on the coffers. Covid has successfully divested people of livelihoods, and hasn't spared the government either. As one insider pointed out, the government is feeling the fund squeeze. Revenue is low and spend is high. While one thinking individual popped the idea of tapping the Centre for funds, considering that over Rs 13,000 crore is due by way of GST for more than two months, a hardcore loyalist defended the Modi government angrily, "If it is Ekadashi in the state, it is Shivaratri at the Centre... both are struggling, can't you see?"

The bigger loss for Congress

Congress leaders are pussyfooting through the minefield of the Kaval Byrasandra violence, while the BJP keeps up its strident attacks. Stuck between two of its key vote banks —Dalits and Muslims — the Congress is worried about other things, possibly losing leaders and workers in the constituency. With the BJP cosying up to Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, who recently hopped over from the JDS, the Congress, that has already lost its Yadava votes after bringing in Akhanda, is worried about losing him and his followers to the BJP.

Women say minors held, Bommai denies

Sunday saw protests by kin of accused, Cong MLA; Process to assess damages on, says Home Min

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It was a day of protests at Kaval Byrasandra, four days after a violent mob went on the rampage here. A group of women sat in a protest at DJ Halli police station on Sunday, claiming that their minor sons had been arrested.

Congress MLA Akhanda Sreenivasa Murthy also protested outside his charred residence, demanding a CBI inquiry and suggesting that the real perpetrators be brought to book.

Following the protest, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai told *TNIE* that the youths had been booked after evidence was collected. In all, 264 people have been arrested, and not one of them is a minor, he said.

Police had arrested the youths only after establishing their digital footprint and going through CCTV footage, Bommai claimed. There were at least five different groups — one group near DJ Halli police station, one inside the police station, one at KG Halli police station, one near MLA Murthy's house and another at Murthy's nephew Naveen's house.

The FIRs filed so far relate to violence, arson, rioting, throwing stones, bearing arms like swords and lathis. A total of 135 vehicles were set on fire, besides the MLA's house and other properties. The charges included attempt to attack the police stations.

Asked about the recovery of damages, Bommai said the process to fully assess the damage caused is going on. "Only after it is completed can we initiate action to recover costs from the rioters. It is a formal process that will be taken up as per law and charges will be fixed depending on the rioters and their crimes," he said.

Women protest against arrests made after the recent riots in Bengaluru I MEGHANA SASTRY

DJ Halli riots: Detainees quarantined in prison

Bengaluru: Youths arrested in connection with the DJ Halli riots are kept separately in the Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara and are barred from interacting with other inmates, to avoid the spread of Covid-19. "Barracks are reserved for new entrants and they will be kept there for 14 days. Similarly, the 148 people arrested in connection with Bengaluru riots cannot leave their barracks till they complete 14 days in the prison," said Chief Superintendent V Sheshamurthy. Among the arrested, a 24-year-old youth had tested positive for the virus. He was admitted to Bowring Hospital on Thursday with chest and stomach pain, and breathlessness. He was operated for a blunt injury and was under observation and later tested positive. He stopped responding to the post-operative treatment and succumbed to subsequent complications on Saturday. Prison officials said he was quarantined on his arrival. CCB police said so far, five accused have tested Covid-positive after their arrest, and reports of the rest are awaited.

Police officials and health workers transport the body of a youth who was killed in recent DJ Halli riots, to the Bowring Hospital mortuary, on Sunday I SHRIRAM BN

Sons were at home, claim women

Earlier, tension had gripped the area after women had marched to DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations to ask why their sons and brothers had been taken into custody. They claimed that the youths were at home when the violence broke out.

The police, however, tried to convince the women that since Section 144 was in place in the locality, they could not form groups, and action would be taken if they didn't leave. Arguments ensued, and the women instead spoke to the media, saying that those detained were daily wage workers who were asleep during the riot. They said that police had not allowed them to meet or speak to their sons for two days.

CCB team raids SDPI office

Bengaluru: A special team under the Central Crime Branch conducted a raid on the Social Democratic Party of India office in Hegdenagar, near Yelahanka, and claimed to have seized weapons and fuel cans, while arresting eight members of the group. However, SDPI state secretary Afsar Kodlipet denied reports of any such seizure. Meanwhile, a forensics team on Sunday submitted its report on the chemicals and fuels used to burn vehicles and MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house. Police on Sunday arrested 57 more accused involved in the rioting and arson, bringing the total to 364. A senior police officer said that the 57 were arrested from Sampigehalli, Rachenahalli, and Thanisandra. In all, 52 FIRs were registered. ENS

BJP panel visits riot-hit areas

Bengaluru: A six-member BJP fact-finding committee, comprising Karnataka SC Morcha president Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, vice-presidents Arvind Limbavali, M Shankarappa and Mallikayya Guttedar, MPs PC Mohan and A Narayanaswamy on Sunday visited the violence-hit areas. They also visited the home of Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy. The team will submit its report to BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel in a week. "This was a well-planned conspiracy. I don't know if it is the Congress' internal politics, intolerance over recent political developments or an attack on Dalits," Limbavali said. Incidentally, at a time when the BJP has been accusing Congress of refusing to stand up for Dalits, it has formed a committee comprising only of Dalit and OBC leaders. ENS

GAME ON

Lobbying intensifies in BJP for top posts in boards, corporations

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HECTIC lobbying has started in the BJP for the positions of chairmanship of corporations and membership of boards. There are more than 90 boards and corporations.

Many loyal party workers are hopeful of being accommodated and are knocking at the doors of their leaders. The situation has never been so tight because this time aspirants outnumber the posts. Many legislators like Ramesh Jarkiholi who have helped form the government and team have received their share of the ministries and will be seeking that some of their supporters get top posts in some boards /corporations.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has directed the party to prepare lists of those eligible from districts. The State team of office-bearers headed by party president Nalin Kumar Kateel has started preparing the lists.

The MLAs, MLCs and also defeated MLAs will be the main contenders for the position of chairmanship of corporations because the position of secretary will be filled up by a career bureaucrat. The members and directors of the boards will be filled up by party workers, say sources.

BJP spokesman Go Madhusudhan said, "There are many ministerial aspirants and some who do not want to settle for the chairmanship of corporations . They are only striving to fulfil their political ambition. It should not be considered an act of indiscipline."

BJP leaders are carefully preparing the lists of aspirants from unrepresented districts and once the lists are ready, these names will be discussed at the State party level. Once the district units send the lists, it will be discussed by the State team and then the Chief Minister will take a final call.

BJP General Secretary MLC Ravi Kumar said, "The party workers will be considered for about 60-70 per cent of the appointments and accommodated."

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3	Smt. Vijayamma, W/O Sri Seenappa & Mr. Srinivasa Reddy Major & Mr. Shivashankar S S/O Of Mr. Srinivasa Reddy Major & Mr. Somashekar S S/O Of Mr. Srinivasa Reddy Major All At : No.55/5, Near Raghavendra Wines,Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560 100. All Above Also At : Behind Sjr Equiinox Apts,Electronic City Phase I,Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,Bangalore. Loan Account No. PR00288895 Loan Sanctioned Amount : of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees twenty lakh only)	All that piece and parcel of property bearing agricultural land bearing sy.no.55/5, area admeasuring 0-03.1/4, situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on east by : land belongs to Venkatesh Reddy west by : 20 feet road and remaining sy.no. Belongs to Vijayamma north by : land belongs to Janardhana Reddy south by : land belongs to Tayappa and Vijayamma Name Of The Mortgagor : Smt. Vijayamma W/o Seenappa	1. 13.08.2020 2. 05.12.2019 3. Rs.21,25,938.13/- (Rupees twenty one lakh twenty five thousand nine hundred thirty eight and thirteen paisa only) due and payable as of 05.12.2019 with applicable interest from 06.12.2019 until payment in full.
4	Mrs. Muninanjamma W/O Mr. Muniramaiah & Mr. Muniramaiah Both At : R/O 214-5, Ellukunte, Neelakatewara Layout, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068,. Also At : R/O Site No. 24, Khatha No. 18/1,Mangammana Palya, Yelluntte Dhakale,Begur Hobli, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Loan Account No. PR00402463 Loan Sanctioned Amount : Rs. 10,18,000/-(Rupees ten lakh eighteen thousand only)	All the piece and parcel of property bearing no 24, Khath No 18/1, Situated At Mangmammapalya, Yellukunte Dhakle, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on the east by : road west by: property belongs to Mr. Annaiah Reddy, north by : road, south by: site no 25, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 40 feet, in all total measuring 1600 sq. Ft. Name Of The Mortgagor : Mr. Muninanjamma	1. 13.08.2020 2. 23.01.2020 3. Rs. 12,10,743.44/-(Rupees twelve lakhs ten thousand seven hundred forty three and forty four paisa only) due and payable as of 23.01.2020 with applicable interest from 24.01.2020 until payment in full.
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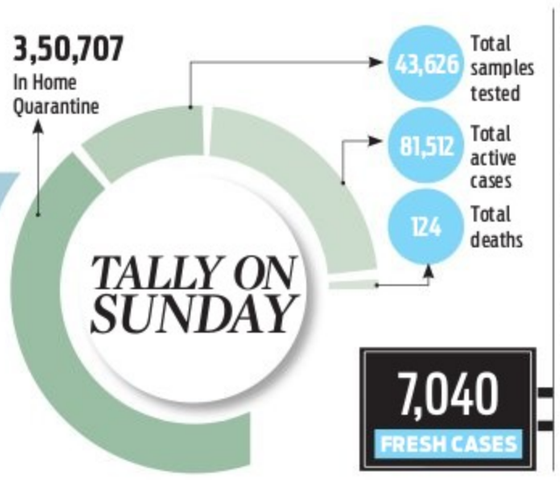

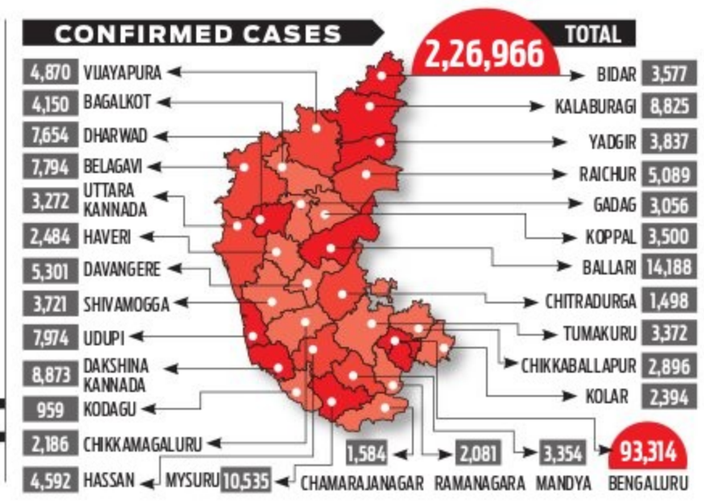

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

COVID PATIENTS GIVEN BLOOD THINNERS TO PREVENT CLOTS

Condition may lead to blocking of arteries and cause deaths, say doctors

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

ONE of the effects of Covid is clot formation which can affect the heart or lungs of a patient. Due to this, doctors are prescribing blood thinners, like aspirin, for moderate and severe corona patients, both during treatment and for two to four weeks post recovery as well.

"Depending on the severity of infection, there can be inflammation of blood vessels. This causes a clot in the leg veins that can move to the lungs. This is called Pulmonary Embolism and is life-threatening. If it blocks the lung arteries, the whole circuit gets blocked and the blood cannot get purified," said Dr Ranjan Shetty, HoD and consultant, Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals.

Covid itself is a thrombogenic disease and it precipitates clot formation. The clot in the lungs can be partial or complete. Another effect of coronavirus is the inflammation of heart muscles called myocarditis, which leads to heart failure.

"Cardiac involvement in terms of heart attacks or heart failure is seen in 20-25 per cent of Covid patients. Therefore, early use of blood thinners like Ecosprin, antithrombotics like unfractionated Heparin or low molecular weight Heparins are paramount in preventing these complications during treatment," said Dr Rajpal Singh, Director-Interventional Cardiologist, Fortis Hospital.

Dr Singh added that these medications are continued for four to six weeks after discharge and should be taken only on prescription.

The probability of clot formation is higher if the severity of Covid is higher as well, said Dr Girish Navasundi, senior consultant, Cardiologist, Apollo Hospitals.

"The less mobile a patient is, longer the clot lasts. Patients are given injectable blood thinners for two weeks during Covid treatment, as this is when there is active multiplication of the virus and direct damage to the body. They are vulnerable to clots even post-discharge, especially in the 45 and older age group," Dr Navasundi said.

An elderly man gives his sample for testing at a clinic | MEGHANA SASTRY

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Dr Ranjan Shetty, Manipal Hospitals

Post recovery, patients suffer from symptoms

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COVID-19 patients post-recovery continue to face a range of health issues, depending on the severity of the disease they faced earlier.

When Supriya Sunil, her husband and their toddler returned home from the hospital after recovering from Covid, all the three continued to suffer from health problems. Supriya had a post-nasal drip, where the mucus runs back down the nose to the throat, and she was made to continue with the medication for two more weeks. "I faced fatigue for nearly 20 days even after testing negative. My husband faced throat irritation and my daughter took 10 days to get her appetite back," Supriya said.

Mild Covid patients often face tiredness, fatigue, myalgia (muscle ache), weakness and lethargy for a week to 10 days, but they do not need medicines, said Dr Ravindra Mehta, senior consultant and HoD, Pulmonology and Interventional Pulmonology, Apollo Speciality Hospitals.

"We have post-Covid follow-ups where we handhold patients for one to four weeks. In moderate to severe cases, the symptoms last longer. In cases where there is a lung involvement, where the patient was in the ICU or ventilator, they suffer persistent breathing issues, shortness of breath and permanent or partial damage to the lungs even after testing negative," he said, adding that these patients are treated with steroids, inhalers and physiotherapy.

During follow-ups in subsequent six weeks, doctors check the patient for symptoms of depression and anxiety, and direct them to psychiatric help if needed, said Dr Vivekanand Padegal, Director, Pulmonology, Fortis Hospital.

"Over six weeks after the onset of the illness, in severe Covid cases where they can undergo lung damage, some patients have been moved from Covid ICU to the normal ICU where they continue to remain on ventilator, even after testing negative. Some 5-10 per cent of severe cases suffer fibrosis of the lung, which is scarring of the organ," he said.

According to Dr Ranjan Shetty, HoD and consultant, Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, patients are advised to remain careful even after testing negative and are asked not to indulge in too much activity.

"For the next three to four weeks, they should look out for any palpitations, tiredness, chest pain and get checked if needed. Walking and yoga is okay, but running and competitive sports are not," said Dr Shetty.

"Other side-effects noticed are heart issues, including clot formation in the leg that goes up to the lungs and affects the heart, myocarditis, which is inflammation of the heart muscle, and lastly, arrhythmia, where there is a change in the rhythm of the heartbeat," he said.

MUCH-NEEDED BREAK

Health workers take a breather while on sample collection duty at a fever clinic in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

BBMP divides city into 'cells' for better monitoring, testing

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has begun a "Cell Analysis", where the city is divided into 100 square metres cells to identify areas that have a high prevalence of Covid-19 and to target these areas with higher number of tests and better monitoring.

The BBMP Cell Analysis started about 10 days ago. Volunteers visit a patient's house and use the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre (KSRSAC) to get the GPS location of the patient which is used to update information on each cell. From July 30 till August 9, around 10,000 GPS locations of Covid-positive patients have been uploaded by field teams.

Munish Moudgil, in charge of the State Covid war room, said, "BBMP limits will be divided into 100×100 metre grids, and in each cell, the number of Covid patients will be identified. The focus will go to areas that have more cases. More number of testing and containment can be carried to in these areas to curb the spread of infection."

Each cell will be marked with a suitable colour, depending on the number of cases. Cells with over ten Covid cases will be marked red, those with five-plus cases will be orange, and those between two and five cases will be yellow.

Moudgil said, "The priority should be red, as it will have more cases. Testing should be increased and zonal officers too should monitor these areas. After red, the focus should shift to orange and yellow areas."

Over the last 10 days, BBMP officials have started colour coding the cells and checking priority areas, Moudgil said.

Captain Manivannan, in charge of Bommanahalli zone, said, "We have been following the cell analysis, and the information can be used to monitor high-prevalence areas."

BBMP limits will be divided into 100×100 metre grids, and in each cell, the number of Covid patients will be identified
Munish Moudgil, in-charge, State Covid War Room

A part of Ashoka Pillar area in Jayanagar has been sealed | MEGHANA SASTRY

At 124, State sees highest toll in a day

A health worker picks up food parcels dropped off by patients' relatives at the entrance of the HAL Covid care centre, in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

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THE state reported 7,040 new Covid cases on Sunday, taking the total tally to 2,26,966 cases. Of these, Bengaluru accounted for 2,131 cases.

Also, the state recorded its highest-ever deaths in a single day at 124. Of the 81,512 active cases, 692 patients are in the ICU.

As per Saturday's war room data, the positivity rate among symptomatic cases is 34.7 per cent. This is from 42,259 tests that have been conducted. On the other hand, the positivity rate among asymptomatic cases is 13.3 per cent.

The positivity rate since the onset of coronavirus is 11 per cent for Karnataka, which is in the fourth place after Maharashtra with 18 per cent, Puducherry with 13 per cent and Delhi with 12 per cent.

Bengaluru, which reported the highest number of cases, was followed by Mysuru with 620 cases, Belagavi with 478 cases, Ballari 381 and Kalaburagi 285 cases.

Also, 6,680 patients were discharged on Sunday, taking the total to 1,41,491.

Mandya gets its first plasma bank

AJITH MS @Mandya

The Old Mysuru region has got its first plasma bank for Covid treatment at Mandya. This will help those in Hassan, Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar, where there have been a high number of cases.

The bank is at the Mandya Institute of Medical Science. It was chosen by the ICMR for studying the efficacy of plasma therapy. The institute had already set up the infrastructure to extract plasma a year ago, which is now being used to treat critical Covid patients. Already, three patients have been treated with plasma therapy.

According to Dr G V Anikethan, in charge of plasma operations at MIMS, they had a few technical issues in detecting the level of antibodies in a sample, which has now been sorted. The therapy could not be started as MIMS had only asymptomatic patients coming in. He said MIMS is the authorised plasma collection centre for Hassan Institute Of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences and Mysuru MMC&RI.

MIMS has 43 survivors willing to donate plasma.

No men, material: Mysuru picks tape over barricade to mark Covid zones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru

WITH each day seeing three-digit spikes in new Covid-19 cases, the Mysuru district administration is struggling to find resources and staff to demarcate containment zones.

To deal with the situation, authorities have decided to do away with physical barricades and use tape instead, to speed up the process of demarcating new containment zones.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G Sankar confirmed the change in policy. "There is a shortage of staff and material to demarcate containment zones. It will be tapes mostly from now," he said, adding that people have to be responsible.

Saturday saw 635 fresh cases of people coming down with the disease, taking the active cases tally to 3,500. According to officials, the district has over 2,280 active containment zones but several more are yet to be demarcated.

A resident of Kuvempunagar complained that authorities had failed to barricade a house in the neighbourhood where a couple had tested positive. "Their son visited the Covid-19 hospital every day to hand over necessities to his parents. There was no indication that the house had a Covid case, and family members went out risking others," the resident said.

The district administration says that each day, it has to source materials to barricade an average of 80-90 new containment zones, but finding vendors has become a problem.

EXPERT COLUMN

'Contribution of Ayush doctors in fighting Covid has been exemplary'

Ayush doctors have been in the forefront of the efforts against Covid-19 ever since the outbreak of the pandemic. They work in isolation facilities, Covid Care Centres, fever clinics etc. Their contribution in running Apthamitra, the dedicated Covid helpline of the Government of Karnataka, has been noteworthy. The work being done by them has been exemplary.

A word about what can be learnt from Ayurveda on ways to tackle the pandemic may not be out of place. The treatises of Charaka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita contain explanations about pandemics under the heading Janapadodhwamsa. The mode of transmission in such pandemics has been explained under the heading Aupasargika Roga by Sushrutha. Even in those days, there have been references to covering the face during sneezing, yawning and laughing. There are also references about moving out of the contaminated area and avoiding contact with fellow human beings (social distancing).

The ultimate breakthrough for the virus may not be an either/or situation between modern and traditional medicine but a happy integration of the two. Modern medicine may prolong life but the quality of that long life is altogether another paradigm and consists mainly of a balance of the physical, mental and spiritual elements, which is what Ayush is all about.

Meenakshi Negi
Commissioner, Health Department, Ayush Health and Family Welfare

The article (August 5) — 'Ayush doctors not trained to take care of critical patients' — by Dr K R Antony, is yet another example of how public discourse can be adversely affected by information which is not rooted in facts. The article criticizes the recruitment of Ayush doctors by BBMP for manning the Covid Care Centres (CCC). The criticism rests on the plank that Ayush doctors are not trained in critical care and do not have the knowledge to administer IV drips, oxygen support etc.

The purpose of setting up CCCs is to take care of asymptomatic positive patients or those having mild symptoms without serious comorbid conditions. They are designed to cater to the bulk of patients who do not require higher care and are a part of a well thought-out strategy of the government to free up hospital beds for those who are in need of critical care. To this end, the government has brought out detailed guidelines on the functioning of the CCCs.

Further, the doctors manning the CCCs are a mix of MBBS, Dental and Ayush systems who work under the overall supervision of a senior MBBS doctor. Apart from this, there are nurses and other support staff. The need for an Ayush doctor to administer IV drips or oxygen does not arise as there are qualified nurses to do so.

Bengaluru DG&IGP Praveen Sood held a meeting with senior traffic police officers of Bengaluru and said that they should book offenders on the spot but shouldn't inconvenience the public while doing so, at a meeting at NIMHANS Convention Centre on Sunday

An earthmover clears debris after a house collapsed at Gondhali Galli, in Belagavi on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Life comes to a standstill in Belagavi district

Several houses across the district damaged in floods; Krishna, Ghataprabha in spate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi/ Athani

HEAVY rain paralysed routine life in Belagavi on Sunday. Several low-lying areas were inundated due to clogged drains. Heavy downpour in the last 24 hours wreaked havoc in several parts of Belagavi city.

Several houses across the district were damaged partially or completely due to the rain. Meanwhile, Annapurneshwari Nagar of Vadgaon, Mahatma Gandhi Colony of Tilakwadi, Jakkin Honda near Goaves Circle and other low-lying areas in the city are facing severe inconveniences due to floods. Incessant showers in Maharashtra have added to the woes of people here. The swollen Krishna and Ghataprabha rivers caused villagers residing on the river banks to panic.

Meanwhile, Koyna in Maharashtra received 182 mm rainfall, Navaja 324 mm and Mahabaleshwar received 203 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours. Due to the heavy rainfall, Koyna dam released 25,604 cusecs of water in the morning and released 40,000 cusecs in the evening to the Krishna River. Almatti dam released 1.29 lakh cusecs of water to the river on Sunday. The dam at Khadarwadi village in Belagavi taluk started overflowing due to heavy downpour creating floods in many surrounding areas.

Meanwhile, Kankumbi village of Khanapur taluk recorded 236 mm rainfall, which is the highest in Belagavi district, on Sunday. Khanapur taluk received 1,346 mm rain, Athani taluk received 129 mm, Bailhongal – 438.1 mm, Belagavi – 791 mm, Chikodi-109.6 mm, Gokak – 88.8 mm, Hukkeri – 222.7 mm, Kagwad – 30 mm, Kittur – 253.5 mm, Mudalgi – 108.8 mm, Nipani – 111.2 mm, Raibag – 140.5 mm, Ramdurg – 145.8 mm and Saundatti received 162 mm rain. In Belagavi taluk, Uchagaon village received 110.2 mm rain and Belagavi city received 77 mm rain.

Star Air and Alliance Air flights scheduled to land in Kalaburagi airport on Sunday morning were redirected due to bad weather.

The Star Air flight was redirected back to Bengaluru while the Alliance Air returned to Hyderabad.Later, the Alliance Air flight from Hyderabad landed at Kalaburagi in the evening to drop 50 passengers. The same flight took off from Kalaburagi for Bengaluru within a few minutes carrying 53 passengers.

As Sira seat falls vacant, Big 3 begin spadework

JDS keen on deceased MLA's son, BJP likely to go with losing candidate, Cong with veteran

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THE Big 3 have quietly started working at the ground level in Sira constituency. The seat fell vacant after the death of JDS MLA B Sathyanarayana recently. The leaders of all three parties have started meeting local leaders in Sira and groups of visitors at their respective residences have increased manifold over the past week, coronavirus notwithstanding.

The deceased MLA's son, B S Sathya Prakash who was president of the Taluk Panchayat, has emerged the front runner in the JDS while former minister T B Jayachandra is a strong contender in the Congress. It looks like BJP may retain S R Gowda although he managed to get less than 17,000 votes in the last poll. This is because by-polls tend to favour the ruling party.

Last week, Deputy CM C N Ashwath Narayan and Law Minister J C Madhuswamy visited Sathyanarayana's residence and comforted the family. They also told the family, "We are with you," a statement whose political overtones cannot be missed. The meeting assumes significance because the BJP is seeking to increase its footprint in the Old Mysuru areas like Tumakuru.

Asked if there was any invitation from the BJP, Sathyaprakash told *TNIE*, "Party leaders Deve Gowda and H D Kumaraswamy have assured us all support. Only when one is denied rightful opportunities does such a question arise."

Congress' Jayachandra who won in 2008 and 2013 elections by almost a 25,000 vote margin against Sathyanarayana, will be a strong contender considering that he had represented this constituency in the past. Congress also has started reminding the voters that they have carried out major developmental works here to the tune of over Rs 200 crore. When contacted, Jayachandra said it is for the party to decide.

As for JDS, party patriarch Deve Gowda and his son and former CM Kumaraswamy will get all the necessary information from ground zero before finally choosing a candidate. The party, which has been hit by desertions, the largest for any political party in Karnataka, would go with winnability considering Satya Prakash may have the advantage of the 'sympathy factor'.

There is speculation in the BJP if it will 'para drop' some candidates like it did for the LS elections and more recently in the Council polls. However, everything will depend on the caste factor. The largest community there is Vokkaligas, but there is a large presence of SCs and Yadavas and fairly good numbers of minorities and Kurubas. For the BJP, here is its big opportunity to increase their numbers in the assembly.

MONSOON FURY

Heavy rain in TS for fourth day straight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

AS incessant rains continued to batter Telangana for the fourth consecutive day on Sunday, several parts of the State are reeling under the impact of floods.

While rivers, lakes, tanks and streams are overflowing, disrupting normal life and damaging property, major roads connecting several villages and towns are submerged. Agricultural fields are also flooded, and rainwater has entered houses in towns and cities.

An octogenarian woman and her 45-year-old daughter died in Telkapalli mandal of Nagarkurnool after their mud house collapsed due to the rains. In Kumarambheem-Asifabad district, three fishermen got stuck in the overflowing Belgam stream and were rescued by police after hours.

As a result of the heavy inflows due to the non-stop downpour, water levels in several reservoirs, including the Narayanpur, Jurala, Mid Manair, Lower Manair, Kaddam and Sripada Yallampally, are reaching their maximum capacity. This is pushing the district administrations to operationalise control rooms and issue alerts to people.

'17 murder cases pending against PFI'

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IN 2018, the SDPI had contested elections from Chickpet in Bengaluru, Kalaburagi in North Karnataka and Narasimharaja in Mysuru. Though they didn't win anywhere, they damaged Congress votes in all the three places," the political analyst added.

The BJP government in Karnataka is reportedly caught in a bind over proposing a ban on the PFI/SDPI because "they know that such a move may consolidate the 15 per cent Muslim vote share in the state in favour of the Congress and may dent the prospects of the saffron party in the only state in South India where it is in power," the analyst said. "The SDPI is to Congress as regards Muslim votes, what the Bahujan Samaj Party is for the Grand Old Party as regards Dalit votes, and BJP is aware of this," he added.

"There are 17 registered cases of murder and attempt-to-murder pending against the PFI and Karnataka Forum for Dignity in the state since 2008 as per the State Government. Successive governments of the BJP-JDS coalition, Congress-JDS coalition and now the BJP had not proposed a ban on SDPI to the Centre. The reasons are obvious. Its presence suits all the three parties," the analyst said.

Following the arrest of many SDPI members in connection with the violence and arson in Bengaluru on the night of August 11, the BJP has renewed its demand to ban PFI.

"Party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel too has appealed to the government to ban the organisation. Even if we cannot ban SDPI, the PFI can be banned for their activities," said party state general secretary N Ravi Kumar.

"The incidents that took place in Kadugondanahalli and Devara Jeevana Halli are condemnable. No legislator should be subjected to it. A decision on banning PFI, SDPI will be taken on August 20," said Anand Singh, Minister for Forests and Ecology.

COVID WOES

Illegal sale, hoarding of PDS grains up

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

WHILE thousands are struggling to get food during the pandemic, illegal hoarders and sellers of public distribution system (PDS) food grains seem to be making the best of the situation.

With an increase in demand for food grains at fair price shops from poor families, there is also an increase in its black marketing. According to data available with *TNIE*, after the Covid outbreak, over 2,500 quintals of food grains worth Rs 35.5 lakh have been seized from illegal hoarders.

Though the State Government and officials have warned of taking strict action, it has had no effect on these sellers.

Between April and July, Food and Civil Supplies Department officials in Mysuru have seized over 1277.68 quintals of rice, 880 quintals of cooking oil, 368.50 quintals of other oils, 3.80 a quintals of wheat, 1.2 quintals sugar worth over Rs 35.56 lakh from miscreants for either hoarding, transporting, or selling it illegally. A total of 17 cases have been registered, of which 13 are criminal cases and 16 people have been held.

P Shivanna, joint director of food and civil supplies Mysuru said, "A dedicated team is working in this regard and whenever we receive any complaints, our staffers visit to the ration shops and check them."

LETTER TO THE FM

Pejawar seer seeks Rs 200 cr package for goshalas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

SRI Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swami of Sri Pejawar Mutt, Udupi, who has been taking care of 3,000 rescued cattle heads at the mutt's goshalas in Neelavara and Kodavoor, wrote to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday seeking a special package of a minimum of Rs 200 crore for goshalas across the nation. The seer said that the Covid-19 pandemic has badly affected the donations to temples. Donations from philanthropic devotees have completely stopped, he stated.

"As a result, it has become extremely difficult to run goshalas without the support of the government," he said. The Sri Pejawar Mutt is spending about Rs 35 lakh monthly to maintain the mutt's goshalas in Neelavara and Kodavoor.

"Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji of Sri Pejawar Mutt had envisioned this holy work of saving the cows from reaching the slaughter houses in this part of the region. But the pandemic has stopped all income and donations to the mutt from various parts, while heavy rains these days affected the supply of fodder and green grass to the cows. Kindly formulate policies to help the registered Goshalas in the entire country'' he stated.

Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha at Neelavara Goshala in Udupi | EXPRESS

A copy of the seer's letter has also been also sent to Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and Udupi-Chikkamagalur MP Shobha Karandlaje among other prominent leaders.

CRIME PATROL

Notorious robber attacks cops, shot at

Bengaluru: A notorious robber, wanted in more than 20 cases, was shot at and nabbed by Vijayapura police in Bengaluru Rural district after he allegedly attacked a policemen, on Saturday night. Police said Ajay (33), a native of Kanakapura, has more than 20 cases of robbery and dacoity against him. "Based on a tip-off, a team went near Koramangala forest area in Vijayapura and arrested him. As soon as the police caught him, he took out a knife and stabbed constables Narayanaswamy and Arun. Despite Sub-Inspector Nandish firing a warning shot, Ajay continued to attack the policemen. Nandish then opened fire and Ajay was shot in his leg," the police said. "Ajay has cases registered against him in Hulimavu, Electronic City and Banashankari, along with cases in various stations in the Bengaluru Rural District. His associates will be arrested soon," the police added. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS our clients **1) Sri. V. MAHA DEVAIAH, 2) Sri. M. HEMATH KUMAR, 3) Sri. M. GIRISH, 4) Sri. M. SACHIN,** All R/at Hinnakki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, are the absolute owners of the schedule property. Further our clients had executed a registered General Power of Attorney in respect of the schedule property in favour of **M/s. MAYUR SERENITY,** represented by its Partners **Sri. B. Jagan Mohan Reddy** & **Sri. M.V. Krishna Reddy** (dead) and the same came to be registered as document **No. ABL-4-00067/2012-13, dated 18.06.2012,** stored in **C.D. No ABLD110, Book-IV,** registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. Further the said attorney holder has not acted as per the terms of the GPA for which they got issued a legal notice dated **12.08.2020** and cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated **18.06.2012.** Hence the general publics are hereby notified not to make any transaction in respect of the schedule property with the above mentioned person, and if the same is done it is neither with the consent of our clients nor is it binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of converted land Vide No.ALN(A.J)S.R 160/11-12, on 29/03/2012, bearing Sy.No.4, measuring to an extent of 2 acre 20 guntas, situated at Hinnakkai Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and **bounded on :-**
East by : Land Acquired by KHB; **West by:** Remaining land in same survey number.
North by : Land in Sy.No.3 and Sy.No.5,
South by : Sy.No.42 and Sy.No.43.

DUSHYANTH ARADHYA H.C., ADVOCATE
SHEKHAR LAW ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
No 919, 5th Main, M.C Layout, Near BGS Metro Station, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. A. Suma, W/o. G. S. Shivu, and Sri. G. S. Shivu, S/o. Somashekarappa, R/at. No.917, 2ND B Cross, 3Rd Stage, 1st Block, W O C Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-79 have intended to purchase of the property mentioned in the schedule below with Smt. Smt. K. Veena, W/o. Mohan Kumar. N, D/o. K. Kesavalu Naidu, R/at. 45/4, Aiswarya Homes, 11th Cross, Near Hebbal Flyover, Kempaiah Layout Cholanayakanahalli, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-32. Now the public is hereby notified that if any persons/institutions have got any claims in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to forward their claims with copies of the supporting documents to the under mentioned address within TEN days from today. If no claims are received within the said period my client will proceed and conclude the transaction as if there are no claims from any persons.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 33, C-Block, in Katha No.33/33, lay out formed The Rajajinagra Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd, in Sy No.21/1, 27/8, 28(p), 35(p), 36/1, 36/6, 122 and 123 situated at Srigandhadhakavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Tq, in the jurisdiction of ward No.129-Jnanabharathi, BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet in all 266.66 Sq Yards and bounded on the :
East by : Site No. 33A, West by: Site No. 32, North by : Road, South by : Site No.34.

MANJUNATHA. S. C, Advocate.
No. 652/K, First Floor, Near Navarang Circle, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10. Mob. 9448226484
Bangalore Date:16-08-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the immovable property situated at No.10, 3rd Cross, Kalidasa Layout, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050, which is more fully described in the schedule here in below for valuable consideration from its original owner **Sri G. BHEEMESH,** that if any person has any right title or right to claim over the schedule property they may come forward with the original documents and provide the manner of right, title in writing with the under sign, within **15 days** from today, on failure of any such objection/claim being received our client shall proceed with intended sale transaction and shall be deemed that no one has any right to claim over the schedule property right that may exist is waived off.

SCHEDULE

All that piece & parcel of property bearing **Corporation No 10, 3rd Cross, Kalidasa Layout, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050,** Bangalore City, presently comes under the limits of BBMP ward number-156, Khatha No: 20/1/10, measuring East to West 15 Feet & North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 600 sft , bounded on : **East by :** G. Bhimesh & G. Laxman Property, **West by :** 25, **North by:** 28 and **South by :** Road.

SHIVA KUMAR, Advocate
G P Rao and Associates,
#76, Murthy Building, 3rd Floor,
D.V.G Road, Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560004. Tel-26621124 / 9343323453
Date: 16/08/2020 Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notify to the General Public that, my client **Smt.N.NALINAKSHI** W/o.Sri.G. Lokesh, has entered into sale agreement of sale for the purchase of the Schedule Property, more fully described here below, from Sri.B.S.Rudrachari S/o.Sri.R. Srikantachari, residing at No.38. (Municipal New No. 35/1,) 12th Main Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560 054. If anybody having any right title or claim what-so-ever may lodge their claim with the under named with documentary proofs **within 15 days** from the date of this notice. Failing which please note, my client will proceed with the sale transaction in respect of the schedule property by presuming that no claim what-so-ever from anybody in any angle exists.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal New No.35/1 (Eastern half portion of Old site No.39), situated at 12th Main Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bengaluru, BBMP Ward No.17-J.P.Park, with PID No.3-16-35/1 measuring East to West 22.3' feet and North to South 30.0' feet, totally measuring 669 Square feet, along with a building, bounded with East by: Property No.39/A, West by: Remaining western portion of the same property, North by: Road, South by: Property No.38/B.

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Advocate, RAVI LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 15/1, 3rd, Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, BENGALURU- 560 003,
PH: 9448079859/7829956999
Date: 16.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that my Clients **Smt Shanthakumari & Sri Siddanth.N. Swamy** had jointly entered into Memorandum of Understanding dated:18.01.2019 for procurement with Sri N.Srinivas son of Narayanappa in respect of the Lands in Sy Nos 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 99, 100, 103, 104, 105 & 109 all situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk measuring in Phase-I and Lands in Sy Nos 15, 22, 33, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 62, 63, 72, & 91 all situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk in Phase-II and had entered into Agreement to Sell dated:12.04.2019 with Sri N.Srinivas, son of Narayanappa with respect to the Lands Sy No.108 of Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and had paid a sum of Rs.1,00,00,000/- [Rupees one Crore only] as advance on both the Agreement to sell and MOU to the aforesaid Mr N.Srinivas. Thereafter Mr N.Srinivas having failed to fulfill certain terms and conditions of the MOU and Agreement to sell, My clients and Mr N.Srinivas had mutually agreed to cancel the MOU dated:18.01.2019 and Agreement to sell dated:12.04.2019 and entered into DEED OF CANCELLATION dated:05.05.2020, with terms and conditions subject to realization of the cheques issued by Mr Srinivas in favour of my clients. The above said cheques were all Post dated Cheques for a sum of Rs.1,23,00,000/- and thereafter all the cheques issued by Srinivas were presented and were dishonoured and as per the clauses of Cancellation deed the MOU and Agreement to sell is stands restored in favour of my clients forthwith. My clients have subsisting right over the aforementioned properties. My clients cautions that if anybody deals with/Purchases the afore mentioned Properties, with recourse to my clients will do so at his/her/their own risk and my client will not responsible for such transactions.

SATHYANARAYANA.G
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

1) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **14-11-2019** calling upon the **Borrower : Mr. N. Santhosh,** S/o, J. Natesh, D.No. 192, 1st Main Road, 7th Cross, K H Ranganatha Colony, Opposite to BHEL Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560 026, **Co-Borrower-I : Mr. J. Natesh,** S/o, Jagannath, D.No. 192, 1st Main Road, 7th Cross, K H Ranganatha Colony, Opposite to BHEL Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560 026, **Co-Borrower-II : Mrs. V. Shashikala,** W/o, J. Natesh, D.No. 192, 1st Main Road, 7th Cross, K H Ranganatha Colony, Opposite to BHEL Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560 026, **Guarantor : Mr. K. Vinay,** S/o, N. Kodhandaram Naidu, D.No. 29/BA, Kodhandaram Nilaya, 5th Cross, 6th Main, Lakshmappa Garden, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2581820000028** being **Rs. 4,19,777/-** with further interest from **05-11-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower, Co-Borrowers and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrowers, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **12th day of August 2020.**
The Borrower, Co-Borrowers, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 vide **Loan Account No. 2581820000028** for an amount of **Rs. 4,66,449/-** with further interest from **12-08-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.
We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Grama Khata No. 26/1 Southern Portion of Site No. 70, situated at Shrigandhakavulu Village presently comes under the jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwari Nagarashabe, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.
Measuring:
East to West: 40 feet **North to South:** 15 feet
totally measuring 600 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:
East by: Passage **West by:** Site No. 69 **North by:** Main Road **South by:** Southern Site No. 70

2) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **08-08-2019** calling upon the **Borrower : Mr. R. Narayana,** S/o, Rame Gowda, #14/7, Lakshman nagara, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, Bangalore – 560 091, **Also at,** M/s, Sri Krishna Banana Store, #25, Om Shanthi Temple Road, Sanjeevininagar, Hegganahalli, Bangalore – 560 091, **Also at,** No. 139, 2nd Vigneshwara Nagar, Behind Muneshwara Temple, Herohalli Ward, Bengaluru – 560 091, **Co-Borrower : Mrs. N. Leela,** W/o, R. Narayana, #14/7, Lakshman nagara, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, Bangalore – 560 091, **Also at,** No. 139, 2nd Vigneshwara Nagar, Behind Muneshwara Temple, Herohalli Ward, Bengaluru – 560 091, **Guarantor : Mr.Ramakrishnaiah** #40, 6th Cross, Hegganahalli, Bangalore – 560 091, **Also at,** M/s, H. R. Industries, #24, 5th Cross, Andrahalli, Bangalore – 560 091 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000325** being **Rs. 20,61,462/-** with further interest from **08-08-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **12th day of August 2020.**
The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000325** for an amount of **Rs. 23,91,431/-** with further interest from **12-08-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.
We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property Eastern Portion of Site No. 139, out of land assessment No 20, ward No 72, Situated at Vigneshwara Nagara, Herohalli village, Yeshwanthpur hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limit of BBMP. Measuring East to West 20 Ft And North to South 33 Ft totally measuring 660 Sq. ft. together with the building constructed Ground plus First Floor and bounded on:
East: By property No 140 **West:** By remaining portion of the same property **North:** By road **South:** By property No 146 and 147

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **12-08-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

EDITORIAL

"While Kashmir never belonged to it in any legal sense, acquiring it is integral to Pakistan's national identity. Pakistan is revisionist in another sense in that it seeks to actively thwart India's rise in the region and beyond" — Christine Fair

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.
— Ramnath Goenka

TACKLING THE FREQUENT FIRE TRAGEDIES IN INDIA

Public memory is notoriously short. So, we were naturally shocked when 10 patients died in a fire accident at a Covid Care Centre in Vijayawada on August 9. But just a few days earlier, a hospital fire in Ahmedabad had extinguished the lives of eight. We can go on and on, tracing the various fire tragedies in the country over the years. Their frequent incidence, in fact, is alarming. As per NCRB data, 60,507 lives were lost in fire incidents between 2015 and 2018. In 2018 alone, 12,748 people died, which means on average, 35 Indians die in a fire every day. This was all reported and yet the response has, more often than not, been knee-jerk to every major fire mishap with no long-term vision to prevent their recurrence. There have been several studies too; one published in the BMJ Injury Prevention journal claimed one in five fire-related deaths in the world takes place in India.

In the Vijayawada case, the Care Centre was run in a hotel by a private hospital. Information trickling in from the investigation points to all-too-familiar causes: failure to obtain a No Objection Certificate from the fire services department, poor maintenance and absence of even a fire alarm. On top of this, it appears the hospital had been running the facility even before getting the permission to do so, not just in the ill-fated hotel but also in a few others. The laundry list of its sins reportedly includes fleecing patients and refusing admissions to those covered under the state insurance scheme. So, who is culpable here? The primary responsibility, of course, rests with the hospital and hotel managements. But to stop at that is to let off the hook the government agencies concerned. Those who let such facilities be run with impunity are also equally culpable.

While making an example of the culprits, the focus should be on effective enforcement of the National Building Code and related laws. Since technology has advanced by leaps and bounds, making use of it to map and monitor buildings will surely help. But before anything, recognising that we have a problem is imperative.

TN REBOOTS WITH EASIER E-PASS NORMS

Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami's decision to issue e-passes to all those who produce identity proofs like Aadhaar or ration cards has come as a relief to the people of the state, especially the workforce. This comes after a special committee was formed to look into the issue of easing e-pass norms to reboot the economy as many had been finding it difficult to travel across districts to resume work in firms and factories.

When the state entered its third phase of lockdown relaxations from August 1 and allowed companies to function with 75% of the workforce, the e-pass had become a major barrier to go past the widened workplace doors. The state had decided against completely doing away with the system, considering the spike in cases in districts near Chennai, and in the state's western zone comprising Coimbatore and Salem. These are also the areas that have thick industrial clusters. This is why the CM stressed on the need for e-passes as a mechanism to clamp down on unnecessary movement of people in these high-risk zones, but with a promise to simplify the system.

Friday's decision to issue e-passes to those who produce identity proof is a step towards bringing more flexibility in inter-district movement, but with reasonable restrictions. The earlier mechanism was strict and had led to a burgeoning fake e-pass racket in many districts, leading to a nudge from the Madras HC that called those who demanded bribes "bloodthirsty wolves". The restrictions had also led to many parties, including the DMK and BJP, and activists asking the state to do away with the e-pass. But one needs to appreciate the government's firm stand, given the impact of the virus on the vulnerable. The state will need to do some tightrope walking between injecting measures to bring the economy back to health and monitoring inter-district travel to reduce the viral load. A way forward could be institutionalising the workforce by doing a quick audit of requirements of various industries and coming up with a plan to issue permanent industrial passes on the lines of workers' permit and identity cards. This will not only ease the burden of vigil on the district borders, but also help systemise workforce dynamics.

As nothing seems to have worked in its favour, it is in the field of international relations that Pakistan's deep state reckons it has scope to show its people that it is making some efforts

REKINDLING J&K THE PAKISTAN WAY

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD.)
Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Now Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

AMIT BANDRE

For the better part of three months, Indian public attention has remained rooted to the situation on the LAC in Ladakh. It shifted marginally to J&K on the first anniversary of the dilution of Articles 370 and 35A but remained fixated on analysis of governance, politics and the neutralisation of terrorists, with too little focus towards the actual threats from across the borders that remain persistent, though as yet low-key. The Indian decision of 5 August 2019 put Pakistan in a quandary. The separatist networks started drying up, propaganda through social media got largely neutered with deactivation of 4G mobile connectivity and internationally, there were few takers for the Pakistani narrative. Even the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed no reservations over India's actions.

For Pakistan, J&K remains an obsession; the psychological make-up of its polity, leadership and even its people is based upon the pursuit of somehow taking J&K into its fold. Expression of national frustration is rife, putting even the deep state under pressure to do 'something'. A bounce back is what Pakistan is working upon in the hope of creating severe challenges for India in the domains of internal security, LoC management, information and psychological warfare, internationalisation and dual front threats. So where does it stand in actualisation of these threats?

Nothing seems to have worked in its favour, so it is in the field of international relations that Pakistan's deep state reckons it has scope to show its people that it is making some efforts. It probably hopes that the internal situation in J&K will take a turn with time for which it must remain prepared internationally. This perception springs from the rapidly changing international environment where its strategic partner and closest ally China is seeking to upset the US dominance of the world and pursue a new balance of power equations. Pakistan has already demonstrated strategic loyalty by moving troops to Gilgit Baltistan (GB) to posture and prevent India from focusing all its effort towards meeting the Chinese threat. Pakistan is aware that in the emerging dispensation, China aims at diluting India's strategic confidence to prevent it from playing any effective role in the joint US strategy to contain Beijing. A subsidiary intent is probably assessed by Pakistan as the safeguarding of Chinese interests in GB through which its flagship project, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), runs from Kashgar to Gwadar. Here arises the fond Pakistani hope that China will coerce India militarily for which it will need Pakistan's assistance to keep J&K on the boil both internally and at the LoC.

Pakistan's frustration also stems from the refusal of the Saudi Arabia-led OIC to endorse its bidding on J&K. Pakistan was hopeful of taking the Islamic world along to back its efforts at the UN to raise J&K as an agenda, which would have put India under pressure. The Saudis have long considered Pakistan an asset in terms of its balancing presence as it shares a long border with Iran, Saudi Arabia's chief rival within the Islamic world. The relationship has even seen Pakistani military presence in Saudi Arabia for protection of the Royal Family and former Army Chief General Raheel Sharif as head of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition set up by the Saudis. In the last two years, Saudi Arabia has bailed Pakistan out of a deep financial crisis with a $3 billion aid-cum-loan and $3.5 billion energy credits on deferred payments. In December 2019, the seeds of a cleavage in the relationship appeared sown when Pakistan initially joined Malaysia and Turkey for an anti-Islamophobia conference at Kuala Lumpur outside the aegis of the Saudi-led OIC. It withdrew when the Saudis frowned but claimed that a special J&K-focused OIC meeting would be held at Islamabad in April 2020, which never happened. Strangely,

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Pakistan is now displaying even more frustration with its maverick foreign minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, stating to Saudi Arabia: "If you cannot convene it, then I'll be compelled to ask PM Imran Khan to call a meeting of Islamic countries that are ready to stand with us on the Kashmir issue." Probably backed by China, Pakistan was willing to go against its most important partner in West Asia, returning $1 billion of the Saudi loan due for repayment and accepting a promised equivalent from China. Internationalisation, currently the main component of its strategy, has led to the visit of Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir, due to take over as the President of the UN General Assembly, to Islamabad. Turkey was one of the few countries that supported Pakistan over J&K but Bozkir's ability to swing anything for Pakistan is challenged by the relative international lack of will and intent to look at the world's conflicts while the pandemic rages. China's recent attempt at discussing J&K in the UN Security Council also failed.

While none of the above diplomatic efforts seem to have succeeded, Pakistan has also resorted to its age-old ploy of cartographic aggression. It has published new maps showing J&K as part of Pakistan. The new map, in which the complete J&K is shown integrated with Pakistan, also has annotations of "India illegally occupied J&K—disputed territory—final status to be decided in line with relevant UNSC resolutions". It hopes to project the map at the UN too.

Pakistan's diplomatic efforts appear to be an attempt at psychological warfare against its own population to keep reminding it of the intense efforts by the Imran Khan-led PTI government with reference to J&K. Paradoxically, the five-month reprieve given by the Financial Action Task Force is also drawing to a close and there are half the demanded legislative actions yet to be completed. Energetic moves towards support to terrorists have taken a temporary break but the effect of that on the internal security situation in J&K will only go in favour of Indian security forces. With infiltration having been reduced due to effective Indian operations at the LoC and recruitment of local Kashmiris having gone down by 40%, the deep state is looking into an abyss in which it may effectively run out of resources by the end of this year. It would have to ramp up infiltration from different directions (the Jammu routes) and attempt one big Pulwama-type terror act, which is not easy under the given circumstances. Failing these, the LoC would be activated. That translates into actions by BATs or hits against shallow objectives, Uri style. Thus, while India can temporarily remain satisfied with the situation relating to J&K, there is every need to remain wary of some old and perhaps some new ways that could be attempted to turn the situation around.

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A COVID LEGISLATION TO MINIMISE COMMERCIAL IMPACT

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The commercial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been unprecedented. Barring a few like healthcare and fintech, most sectors have suffered huge losses. The effect of these losses will be known once the National Company Law Tribunals, which hear insolvency petitions, resume regular functioning. While the government has exempted "Covid" defaults from the ambit of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, pre-Covid defaults that would otherwise have been paid within a reasonable period are likely to result in many cases of insolvency. The government has, no doubt, reached out to provide economic support to MSMEs. Nonetheless, insolvency of even one major group will have a devastating ripple effect in the market owing to the numerous contracts each such group enters into.

Each sector has faced its characteristic challenges. To cite a few examples: 1) Power sector: Most gas-based power companies have received demands from ONGC and GAIL for a contravention of the commitment to purchase a certain minimum quantity of gas every month. These companies have a legitimate defence: Many of them either partly or fully supply to private industries. Since these private consumers were either dysfunctional or functioning with minimum capacity, they have been unable to consume the power leaving the power companies with no demand for the gas. 2) Construction and infrastructure sector: Almost all construction and infrastructure projects have suffered delays resulting in time-inflicted losses including idling of labour (and payment of wages to labourers) and payment for hiring machinery. Restrictions on the number of workers on site, working hours and transport of men and machinery continue to hinder construction work even today. 3) Information Technology sector: Most IT companies have committed to lease large spaces at high cost. Owing to the lockdown and social distancing norms, these commitments have become difficult to honour leading to huge losses.

The current legal system is inadequate to deal with the present crisis for two reasons. For one thing, the delays in the system are likely to prove fatal to many companies. For instance, in the example pertaining to the power sector, the companies would have to make immediate payments to GAIL/ONGC due to the fear of their gas supply being severed, but they will not be in a position to immediately pass on these charges to private consumers without long-drawn-out litigation.

For another, the common law followed in India does not contemplate a system of distribution of loss; rather, it posits that the entire loss be borne by one or the other party as against an equitable distribution of loss. Perhaps, the latter would be fair and just, and would help more companies keep afloat in troubled times like the present. In this regard, a cue can be drawn from civil law systems (France and the UAE, for example) and the UNIDROIT principles that provide a unique regime for renegotiation of contracts to counter imbalances arising from "hardship" not attributable to the parties.

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Comprehensive law, need of the hour: The departure from the traditional legal system would necessitate enacting a comprehensive umbrella legislation. Such legislation needs to identify sectors that have pressing concerns and a broad policy in relation to the kind of measures to be provided. It also needs to provide for a consultative process with the stakeholders that can enable subordinate legislation to be passed for each sector addressing its distribution of loss.

Most important, there is an increasing need for a fast-track mechanism to adjudicate disputes arising from the legislation. Ideally, the government should consider having a mediation procedure. The mediation should be conducted by mediators of impeccable integrity. Any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably must be placed before a specialised tribunal to resolve the issues on a fast-track mode with only one appeal, directly to the Supreme Court. Further, the government and government entities (who are one of the litigants in 70-75% of cases) must take a policy decision to be bound by the decision of the tribunal without recourse to the appellate remedy.

Singapore has enacted a law [COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020] to address some of the concerns faced by some sectors including the construction and tourism sectors. The legislation also extensively deals with the rental relief in cases of non-residential properties. Interestingly, the legislation also keeps out the traditional court system and provides for an "assessor" to make certain judicial determinations under the Act. Legislations, though far more skeletal, have also been enacted in New Zealand and Australia. India would have to come up with measures that are even more comprehensive than the Singaporean legislation to deal with the local needs.

While questions may be asked about the need to depart from the traditional legal route, the overwhelming justification lies in the inherent unfairness of the "loss lies where it falls" rule that is amplified by the present scenario. Moreover, the effect of insolvencies of a few big companies will be felt far and wide. Not only will it cause mass unemployment but also disrupt the entire contract chain. Simply put, extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and there is no denying we live in such times.

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Magnanimity was needed

This is with reference to the editorial *Apex court's image cannot be lowered by a few tweets* (Aug 15). Had the Supreme Court been magnanimous and condoned Prashant Bhushan, its image would have been enhanced. The observation 'compliments and criticism should be taken with equipoise' is applicable to the judiciary too.
R Sridharan, Chennai

A serial offender

Pardoning or turning a blind eye to aberrations is acceptable. But a serial offender like Bhushan needed to be pulled up. He had been needling and defaming the courts, government, the executive, etc., with gay abandon.
R Haripanth, Chennai

SC not above criticism

In our constitutional scheme of things, the Supreme Court, no doubt, plays the very important role of interpreting the law. But it cannot arrogate to itself the luxury of thinking it is above criticism. A public delineation of its flaws should not be misconstrued as an attempt at disruption of the entire judicial system. The court should act on the criticisms if found to be valid or its shoulders should be broad enough to shrug off them.
S Balu, Madurai

Punishment deserved

Freedom of speech does not give anyone the liberty to speak whatever they want. Bhushan deserves whatever punishment the Supreme Court may deliver.
N K Krishnamoorthy, Coonoor

Need tolerance to dissent

Former Supreme Court Justice Deepak Gupta once remarked that the right to dissent is the biggest and most important right granted by the Constitution. Judges of the top court should be more tolerant to criticism. The Supreme Court is so great that one man's criticism cannot undermine it.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Is it just the tahsildars?

Two tahsildars have been found to be corrupt in Telangana in a span of 15 days. (*Tahsildar caught taking ₹1.1 cr bribe*, Aug 15). People could doubt the honesty of politicians and ministers and suspect their involvement in such cases if these incidents continue unabated.
O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Kudos to lensman

This is with reference to *Life inside a Covid ward* (Aug 15). Kudos to this newspaper's lensman Shiba Prasad Sahu. Despite being affected by the coronavirus, he continued to pursue his passion and has thrown light on the dedication of our frontline workers.
Narayani P, Mayiladuthurai

Shrewd cricketing brain

M S Dhoni's retirement has been on the cards for quite some time. An exceptional cricketer by any count, Dhoni was an inspiring captain with a terrific track record in international cricket and inevitably always led from the front. The Indian team will miss his shrewd cricketing brain.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

The helicopter will be missed

The decision by former skipper Dhoni to quit international cricket was untimely. Cricket lovers expected many more helicopter shots and quick stumpings from the former skipper. Suresh Raina too will be missed.
P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Contributions to astronomy

The column *Aryabhata and the start of siddhaantic astronomy in India* (Aug 15) points our nation's contributions to the field and its expertise in it. We must strive for a better understanding of the subject by the present generation. Adequate infrastructure must be provided and research in Sanskrit should be encouraged by the governments.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

PC Sharma @pcsharmainc
The country's gem great Mahendra Singh Dhoni should be given Bharat Ratna

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Chetan ChauhanJi distinguished himself as a wonderful cricketer and later as a diligent leader. His contributions to strengthen BJP in UP are immense.

Sanjay Raut @rautsanjay61
Russia showed it is 'aatmanirbhar' by producing COVID-19 vaccine, we are just preaching about it

Urban populace to go up by 38.2%

Delhi, Chandigarh to be totally urbanised by 2036 while it will be 92.8 % in Kerala: Study

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

THE urban population in the country, which was 31.8% in 2011, is expected to increase to 38.2% by 2036. Likewise, the urban growth would account for about three-fourth (73%) of total population increase by the next sixteen years.

In the population projection of India, it is observed that by 2036, 100% population of NCT of Delhi, Chandigarh and Lakshadweep would be living in urban areas, which is highest among the states. In contrast, 10.5% of the population of Himachal Pradesh would be expected to live in urban areas by the same year (2036), which is lowest among all states.

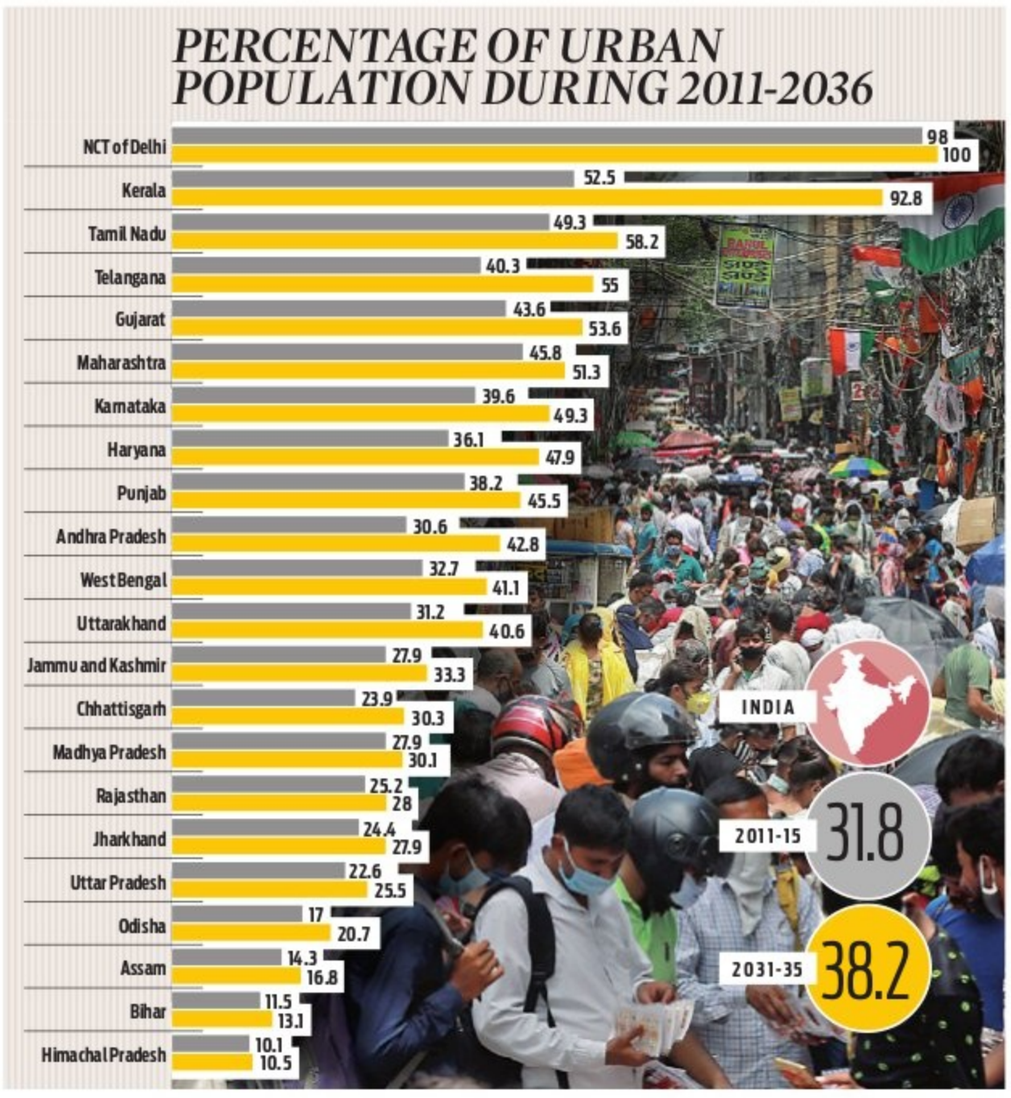
The facts have come out in population projections of *India and States (2011-2036)*, a report prepared by 'Technical Group on Population Projection'. It said that out of the total population increase of 31.1 crores during 2011-2036 in the country, the share of increase in urban population is expected to be 21.8 crores.

Southern states Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana will record more people living in urban areas. Share of urban population will grow substantially in Kerala from 52.5% to 92.8%. Similarly, Tamil Nadu and Telangana will record rise from 49.3% to 58.2% and 40.3% to 55% respectively. Gujarat and Maharashtra are also expected to have a large share of population living in urban areas. The share is expected to rise from 43.6% to 53.6% in Gujarat and from 45.8% to 51.3% in Maharashtra.

While the Ministry of Urban Affairs have many urban transformation schemes including Smart City Mission, AMRUT and others, large urban concentration in these states call for proper implementation of such schemes. Many of the urban schemes have recorded slow pace so far as completion of projects are concerned.

On the contrary, there are states like Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha which have recorded only marginal rise in urban population between 2011 and 2036. Moreover, only nearly 25% of the total population in these states is expected to stay in urban areas.

Like, in Bihar the share of urban population in the year 2011 was nearly 11.5% and is expected to rise by 13.1% by 2036. Similarly, Himachal Pradesh had lowest share of urban population at 10.1% in the year 2011 and is expected to go up to 10.5% by 2036.



40 per cent of all ministers educated only up to school

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

ABOUT a week ago, Jharkhand education minister Jagarnath Mahto, who discontinued his education after Class X, said he felt personally hurt at being called under-qualified and decided to pursue his education further. An analysis of the academic credentials of ministers of other states throws up some surprising numbers.

An analysis shows that 40% of all ministers are educated only up to school and throws up some surprising numbers. Kerala, which has the highest literacy rate in India, has over 30 per cent of its Cabinet comprising ministers who have discontinued education after school while 42 per cent of them are graduates and only two per cent hold a doctorate, it says.

In contrast, Uttar Pradesh, whose literacy rate hovers around 70 percent, lesser than the national average of 74 per cent, has nine per cent of its 44-member Cabinet who hold doctorates, while only 15 per cent of the ministers have listed schooling alone as their education. The percentage of graduate ministers, about 46 per cent, is also higher than that of Kerala.

States like Delhi and Uttarakhand have highly educated ministers. Of the Cabinet of the Kejriwal-led government, 71 per cent ministers are graduates and the remaining are post-graduate holders. Uttarakhand on the other hand has 90 per cent of its Cabinet comprising graduates and the remaining 10 per cent are post graduates. The Union Cabinet, with a strength of 56, has 14.2 per cent of ministers who have just completed their schooling while more than half have listed their highest level of education as graduate. Around 27 per cent of the ministers are post-graduates while 8 per cent are doctorates.

The analysis also reveals that only seven of the 28 states have ministers who hold a doctorate. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have the highest number of doctorate ministers with four each.

Though there is no specific legal or moral requirement for elected representatives or ministers to have high level of education, analysts and educationists say that the Jharkhand minister's enrolment for further studies is a step in the right direction and would have a ripple effect in the political system as well as forcing the voter to think before exercising his franchise.

"The step is definitely in the positive direction. This has sent out a message to the people of the country that one need not worry about age to pursue education. This message coming from a minister will percolate deeper into society," Mukesh Bairva, a DU professor said.

Another professor of a top engineering college echoed his views. "Mahto's move is a very good step. Also, his call urging parents to get their children educated is a very good one. The next generation of aspiring voters will definitely be impacted by the minister's move. The aspiring voter is a more thinking one and such steps will go a long way in spreading the message of importance of education in society," she said.

Educational qualifications of top politicians have also stirred controversies in the past with the academic credentials of many leaders coming into question.

Experts are hence cautiously positive about Mahto's move. "It is a good step and sends out a correct message but a degree is no testament to education. There is no rule that college or school dropouts can or cannot be good administrators or analysts. However, the message of learning is a good one. It may force some other leaders also to take similar steps," political analyst Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay said.

Jai Mrug, director of the Voter Mood Research said the Jharkhand Minister's move can be interpreted in two ways. "It could either be branding and posturing for the electorate. However, it will definitely cause a ripple effect and other leaders or elected representatives would follow suit. Also, the voter's mind could be impacted by such a step. Here on, voters would cast their vote keeping in mind the education background of the candidate. This will result in more educated candidates getting elected," he said and added that the move is a good one despite there being no constitutional requirement of a certain level of education for elected representatives.

State	Total Ministers	School (till Class XII)	Graduate	Post-Graduate	Doctorate
Andhra Pradesh	26	8 (30)	13 (50)	3 (11.5)	2 (7.6)
Arunachal Pradesh	12	2 (16.6)	8 (66.6)	2 (16.6)	-
Assam	11	2 (18.1)	5 (45.4)	3 (27.7)	1 (9)
Bihar	29	9 (31)	18 (62)	2 (6.8)	-
Chhattisgarh	12	3 (25)	9 (75)	-	-
Delhi	7	-	5 (71.4)	2 (28.5)	-
Goa	-	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	20	9 (45)	11 (55)	-	-
Haryana	12	2 (16.6)	8 (66.6)	2 (16.6)	-
Himachal Pradesh	12	3 (25)	8 (66.6)	-	1 (8.3)
Jharkhand	11	8 (72.7)	3 (27.2)	-	-
Karnataka	29	14 (48.2)	9 (31)	5 (17.2)	1 (3.44)
Kerala	19	6 (31.5)	8 (42.1)	3 (15.7)	2 (10.5)
Madhya Pradesh	34	9 (26.4)	25 (73.5)	-	-
Maharashtra	42	19 (45.2)	23 (54.7)	-	-
Manipur	9	2 (22.2)	7 (77.7)	-	-
Meghalaya	12	6 (50)	6 (50)	-	-
Mizoram	12	3 (25)	9 (75)	-	-
Nagaland	12	4 (33.3)	8 (66.6)	-	-
Odisha	21	4 (19)	17 (80.9)	-	-
Punjab	10	4 (40)	6 (60)	-	-
Rajasthan	25	8 (32)	17 (68)	-	-
Sikkim	12	5 (41.6)	7 (58.3)	-	-
Tamil Nadu	29	12 (41.3)	17 (58.6)	-	-
Telangana	15	5 (33.3)	10 (66.6)	-	-
Tripura	9	-	7 (77.7)	2 (22.2)	-
Uttarakhand	10	-	9 (90)	1 (10)	-
Uttar Pradesh	44	7 (15.9)	20 (45.4)	13 (29.5)	4 (9)
West Bengal	42	9 (21.4)	19 (45.2)	10 (23.8)	4 (9.5)
Central Cabinet	56	8 (14.2)	29 (51.7)	15 (26.7)	4 (7.14)

FIGURES IN BRACKETS INDICATE PERCENTAGE | Source: ADR/PRS/Election affidavits

Prasad, Rahul clash on report over FB ignoring hate speech rules in India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

SENIOR BJP leader and Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology and Communications, Ravi Shankar Prasad, on Sunday attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for alleging that the BJP and RSS spread fake news and hatred using social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp to influence the electorate.

Prasad said that the Congress had no locus standi to question the BJP given previous allegations of Congress having used online platforms to influence elections.

Earlier, Rahul Gandhi had referred to a WSJ report quoting unnamed sources to claim that the social media giant had been lenient on alleged hate speeches by BJP leaders in order to protect their business prospects in India. "BJP and RSS control Facebook & Whatsapp in India. They spread fake news and hatred through it and use it to influence the electorate. Finally, the American media has come out with the truth about Facebook," Rahul's tweeted.

"Losers who cannot influence people even in their own party keep cribbing that the entire world is controlled by BJP and RSS. You were caught red-handed in alliance with Cambridge Analytica and Facebook to weaponise data before the elections and now have the gall to question us?," Prasad tweeted in response to Gandhi.

In 2018, UK-based Cambridge Analytica was at the centre of a controversy linked to Facebook data breach of around 50 million users in the US to benefit Donald Trump's presidential campaign in 2016. Christopher Wylie, the Cambridge Analytica whistleblower had told British lawmakers that he "believed" the Congress party in India was a client of the company at the regional level. Prasad also said, "The fact is that today access to information and freedom of expression has been democratized. It is no longer controlled by retainers of your family and that is why it hurts."

According to the WSJ cited interviews with unnamed Facebook insiders to suggest that the company's senior official and India policy executive Ankhi Das had intervened in internal content review processes to stop a ban on BJP's Telangana MLA T Raja Singh, who made communally charged posts targeting the Muslim community.

Facebook has, however, denied the claims made in the WSJ report and stated that it adopts a uniform policy on hate speeches across the world irrespective of the party, position or stature of the individual or organisation involved.

CONTEMPT CASE

Bhushan writes to SC, defends his comments about judiciary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

ADVOCATE and activist Prashant Bhushan defended his comments about the judiciary in the 2009 contempt case and has filed a written submission before the Supreme Court.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra on Friday pronounced Prashant Bhushan guilty of serious contempt of court for his two tweets over judiciary and on which arguments on sentence will be heard on August 20.

In his written submission regarding the tweet concerning the top court and the last four CJIs, Prashant Bhushan stated, "The respondent has stated in his affidavits as well in the explanation given to the court on 4.08.2020 that he had used the word corruption in a wide sense to include any act of impropriety other than merely financial corruption."

"Without the allegations (of corruption) against a judge being documented and investigated in the manner further provided under the Judges Inquiry Act, to establish the veracity, the allegation per se cannot amount to contempt in so far as it would nullify the constitutional provisions and statutory procedures for impeachment of a judge on grounds of misbehavior including corruption," the submission stated.

The court is likely to take up the case for detailed hearing on Monday.

"Corruption in public life has a wide and expansive definition and the factum of corruption in the judiciary has been stated in Parliamentary Committee reports on Prevention of Corruption."

"Moreover, allegation of corruption per se cannot be contempt as well as the allegations of corruption cannot be per se contempt because truth is a defense to contempt proceedings," Prashant Bhushan stated.

EXPRESS READ

Pranab Mukherjee condition unchanged

New Delhi: The condition of former president Pranab Mukherjee remained unchanged on Sunday and he continued to be on ventilator support, doctors said. They said his vital and clinical parameters are stable. The doctors at the Army's RR Hospital said the health of the ex-president is being closely monitored.

PIL seeks uniform grounds of divorce

New Delhi: A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Central government to take apposite steps to remove anomalies in the grounds of divorce and make them uniform for all citizens without prejudice on the basis of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.

Overhauling of Congress unit in Rajasthan begins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AFTER the Ashok Gehlot-led Rajasthan government won the trust vote last week, the Congress on Sunday appointed Ajay Maken as new incharge for the state replacing Avinash Pande, who was considered close to Gehlot and Sachin Pilot has demanded his replacement during his meeting with Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

According to party sources, Pilot was adamant on removing Pande and agreed to Maken, who was part of the central team along with AICC organisational secretary KC Venugopal and media in-charge RS Surjewala, who were sent by the party to Jaipur for crisis management following fissures between Gehlot and Pilot.

"Pilot wanted that Avinash Pande be replaced immediately as according to him, Pande was close to Gehlot and favoured him," said party sources.

Following a month long political drama in the state, Pilot met Gandhi siblings last week.

The party has assured him that all of his concerns against Gehlot government will be resolved. Senior leader Ahmed Patel, Venugopal abd Maken were also made part of the 3-member commitee to oversee and follow up the smooth resolution of recent issues in the state. The commitee would hear MLAs from both the sides in coming weeks.

Just after taking the oath as a Cabinet Minister, I had decided that I will complete my Inter and Graduation degree during my tenure as education minister, as a few people questioned my credential as minister who is just a matriculate. So, I pledged that I will complete my studies while being minister of the state.

Love for politics kept minister 'busy'

Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto feels his love for politics kept him from studies. "When I was in high school, I joined the agitation, led by Shibu Soren, against the exploitation of natural and mineral resources. Finally, after passing class 10 in 1995, I left studies and jumped into struggle for a separate state.

'Will show that studies and service can go hand-in-hand'

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

JHARKHAND Education Minister **Jagarnath Mahto**, who surprised everyone by his decision of taking admission in Intermediate, after 25 years of passing class 10 examinations in 1995 only to remove the blot of being termed as 'under-qualified' minister is now determinant to pass with flying colours. Incidentally, Devi Mahto Inter College, where he has taken admission, was set up by him only in 2006 during his first term as an MLA. The minister has opted Arts stream as his interest lies in political science. Taking to ***The New Indian Express***, Mahto said that there is no age for learning. Excerpts:

How it happened, what made you to take such this decision after 25 years?
Just after taking the oath as a Cabinet Minister, I had decided that I will complete my Inter and Graduation degree during my tenure as Education Minister, as some of the people had made a remark that what a minister, who himself is just a matriculate, could do for the people of the State. So, I pledged that I will complete my studies while being minister of the state.

Who made such comments on you?
I don't want to say anything to them who taunted on my educational qualification, but I would definitely like to give them a befitting reply by passing out with flying colours.

But, why you discontinued your studies after Class 10?
Though, I come from an agricultural background, politics was always there in my mind. When I was in high school, I joined the agitation, led by Shibu Soren, against the exploitation of natural and mineral resources. Finally, after passing class 10 in 1995, I left studies and jumped into struggle for a separate state of Jharkhand.

How would you manage between fulfilling ministerial responsibilities and attending classes, in order to ensure 75% attendance, which is mandatory for sitting in examinations?
I am passionate about doing better in my life, therefore I will be pursuing my intermediate course, besides fulfilling my ministerial responsibilities. I will set up an example for others that studies cannot be a hindrance in serving the people. Because, 'where there is a will there is a way.'

HATE ATTACK

A mob attacked a Muslim shepherd in the Garri Gabbar village in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday after his son drove a few cows away from their pastureland, according to reports.

51 NEW COVID CASES IN BENGAL

Ahmedabad	34	24	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	24	24	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	33	26	Patna	34	28
Amritsar	34	28	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	31	24	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	24
Srinagar	30	17	Chandigarh	32	26

J&K may get new advisory council

Six-member council comprising politicians of two parties to assist L-G Manoj Sinha

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

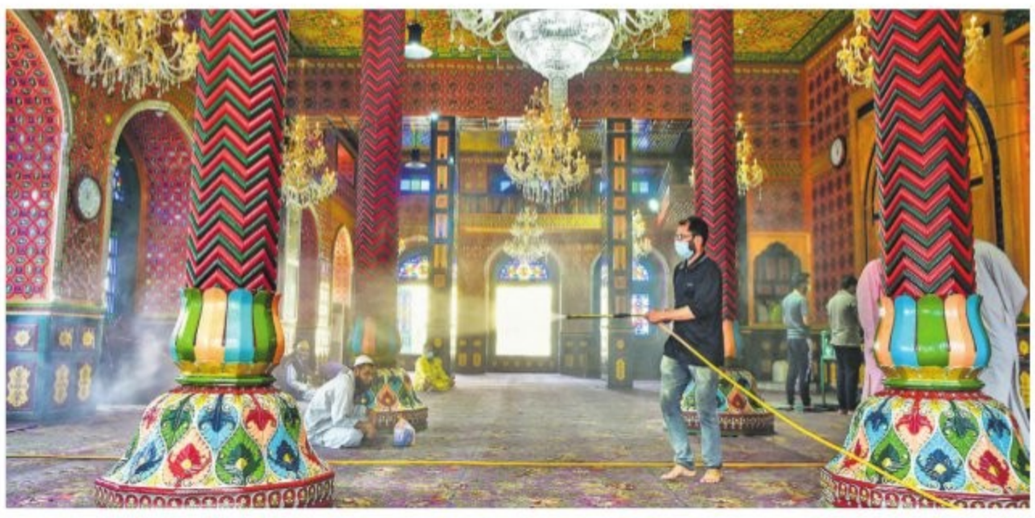
AFTER appointment of BJP stalwart Manoj Sinha as Lieutenant Governor Jammu and Kashmir, all is set for formation of six-member Advisory council comprising politicians of two political parties to assist the LG in running the day-to-day affairs in the Union Territory and act as a bridge between the government and masses.

A senior J&K BJP leader told this newspaper that centre is discussing formation of Advisory Council in J&K to help administration in reaching out to masses and fill the political vacuum, which has been there since August 5, 2019 abrogation of Article 370 and split of J&K state into two UTs.

He said the Centre is discussing the proposal very seriously and contours are being worked out. "Atleast six people from two parties may be part of the Advisory Council".

Sources said three politicians each from BJP and J&K Apni Party led by businessman and former PDP leader Altaf Bukhari may be part of the Advisory council.

They said there would be three faces each from Valley and Jammu and the Advisory council would help connect the government with masses and restart stalled political activities in J&K.



Disinfectant being sprayed at a shrine in Srinagar on Sunday as authorities reopened religious places in Jammu and Kashmir | PTI

If the Advisory Council comprising politicians is formed, it will provide some relief to the common man. People can reach representatives to get their issues and grievances redressed and this will definitely increase participation of people in governance - Apni Party leader

According to sources, it is being felt that there has been a disconnect between government and administration as bureaucrats have been unable to reach out to masses and centre wants to bridge this gap and void by forming the Advisory Council of politicians.

At present four Advisors – Kewal Kumar Sharma, Farooq Khan (BJP leader), Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar (former DG CRPF) and Baseer Ahmad Khan (former Divisional Commissioner Kashmir) — are assisting the L-G in running daily affairs of the government.

The BJP leader said once the Advisory Council is formed, there would be no role for present advisors of Sinha and they would be relieved of duties.

An Apni Party leader said the Centre can promulgate a law on formation of Council if it feels the need for setting up such body. "If the Advisory Council comprising politicians is formed, it will provide some relief to the common man. People can reach their representatives to get their issues redressed and this will definitely increase participation of people in governance."

However, senior Apni Party leader Ghulam Hassan Mir said the party has no information on formation of an Advisory Council in the UT.

BIHAR

JD-U expels minister, RJD ousts 3 MLAs

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

THE ruling JD-U in Bihar expelled Industry Minister Shayam Rajak on Sunday amid speculations that he would be joining his parent party— the RJD. Rajak had joined the JD-U in 2009.

JD-U state chief Vashistha Narayan Singh expelled Rajak following the direction of party chief and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar. Nitish's recommendation for removal of Rajak as minister was also accepted by the Governor.

Rajak, the sitting MLA from Patna's Phuwarisharif, is said to be aspiring for a poll ticket from the same constituency. State assembly elections are due in October-November. Rajak was not available for comments despite several attempts.

The RJD expelled its three legislators — Prema Choudhary (Patepur), Maheshwar Prasad Yadav (Gaighat) and Faraz Fatmi (Keoti) — for their involvement in anti-party activities.

"The three MLAs have expelled for next six years," RJD general secretary Alok Mehta said at a hurriedly called media briefing.

Punjab: Cycle hub works overtime as demand shoots up

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

BEFORE you pedal on, here's something to make your regular cycling drill a little more interesting: Post lockdown, Punjab's cycle manufacturing hub Ludhiana has registered a 100% growth in demand, steadying country's number two position in cycle production (worth ₹7,000 crore annually) across the globe, industry sources said. China stays at the top.

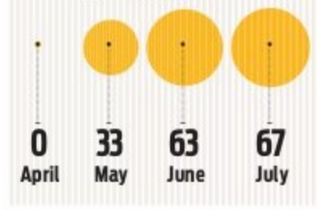
All India Cycle Manufacturers Association (AICMA) Secretary General Dr KB Thakur says the Covid-induced lockdown starting March 23 came as a blessing in disguise for the cycle industry. "The environment-friendly cycle has stood the people in good stead as social distancing norms have kept public transport off the road. For short distances, the cycle remains the preferred choice to commute," says Thakur. Besides, rising fuel prices too led to a demand surge for the cycle industry.

"We are unable to meet the growing demand," says Thakur. In last week of March-April, the factories were closed and production started in May with just 33% of the total production, which increased to 63% in June and 67% in July.

Thakur lists three reasons for the production lag. First is the shortage of labour (from 25% to 50%). There are 4,000 cycle manufacturing units. Cycle parts manufacturing, from micro to large, employs around 5 lakh workers and another five lakh are employed at sales and repair shops across the country.

Second is the shortage of raw material as vendors are unable to supply again due to labour shortage. And finally, physical distancing has curtailed production capacity.

The Central government is promoting cycling under its Smart Cities Mission, an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The Cycles4Change Challenge registration on July 10 aimed to help cities connect with citizens and experts to develop a unified vision to promote cycling. It said the need for personalized forms of transport is expected to increase as a response to Covid-19.



A survey by the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy predicts that cycling would increase by 50 to 65% as cities come out of lockdown.

Thakur says around 6 lakh bicycles are imported every year from China. "This year hardly any cycle came from there due to restrictions and other reasons."

President of AICMA and Chairman-cum-MD of Avon Cycles, Omkar Singh Pahwa attributes an uptick in demand to personal fitness and greater medical attention.

Pankaj M Munjal, Chairman and MD of HMC, says bicycle usage has received a major boost globally in the wake of the pandemic. In Europe, UK and the US, sales of traditional and electric bicycles have exploded in past few months. In India, the shift may not be as noticeable, but the trend has definitely caught up particularly in cities.

UP: 2 killed in brawl over land dispute at panchayat meeting

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a grim reminder of Sonebhadra tribal massacre of last year, another row over land led to a bloody brawl between two factions claiming two lives in Pratapgarh district of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday. The violence broke out during a village panchayat meeting.

As per the police sources, the panchayat meeting was convened with two lawyers acting as intermediaries but without any prior information to the district police authorities.

Incidentlly , three cops, including a Sub Inspector, who were suspended for not acting in time to prevent the violence.

As per Pratapgarh SP Abhishek Singh, the panchayat meeting was held to resolve a land dispute between two groups. Clashes broke out between the two sides and the injured were taken to hospital without the police being informed. The SP added that the cops rushed to the district hospital on getting the information about the violence and injured being admitted there. On reaching the hospital the cops were told that two men— Dayashankar Mishra and his son, Anand Mishra—had died in the violence, said the SP.Three others were injured in the incident, added the police.

The SP said two people—Rajesh Kumar Mishra and his son—have been arrested in connection with the violence. Singh also said that in addition to the Sub Inspector Rajesh Rai, head constable Buddhan Prasad and constable Rama Yadav had also been suspended. Four teams have been set up to investigate the matter, he added.

EXPRESS READ

Dr Kafeel Khan's NSA detention extended

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh government has extended the detention of Dr Kafeel Khan under the National Security Act by three months till November 13. Khan was arrested in January for his alleged provocative speech during the anti-Citizenship Act protests at Aligarh Muslim University made on December 10, 2019. It is the second time his detention under the stringent law has been extended by another three months. The doctor is currently lodged in Mathura jail.

Decide domicile policy on 'Khatiyan' : JMM

Ranchi: The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) wants 'Khatian' (land records) to be made the only base for defining domicile policy in the state. Earlier, the party had been emphasizing on making 1932 land records as a basis for defining domicile policy. Party General Secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya said that the party will suggest Jharkhand government to make changes in existing domicile policy in accordance with the sentiments of the people of the state.

Russia got vaccine, India has *Bhabhiji Papad*, says Shiv Sena

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

WHILE praising Russia for registering the first vaccine against Covid-19, Shiv Sena took another shot at the Narendra Modi government and its ministers. Sanjay Raut, the executive editor of party's mouthpiece Saamana, wrote in his weekly column that BJP ministers, who were promoting unscientific approaches against the virus earlier, are now falling to Covid-19.

"The AYUSH minister Shreepad Naik was promoting various Ayurvedic medicine but got infected with coronavirus himself. Another minister Arjun Meghwal, who promoted Bhabhiji Papad to cure Covid-19, got infected. He is admitted into a private hospital for treatment. Actually, he should be cured by eating the papad. The pandemic has exposed the BJP ministers who were promoting unscientific things for several years," Raut wrote.

Raut also took a dig at PM Modi's *Atmanirbhar Bharat* campaign. He added that India would be more Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) by developing the first vaccine. He also said that India needed Russia-like strong leadership.

Raut also asked whether the prime minister and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat would go into quarantine after Nrutyagopal Das, chief of the Ram Janma Bhoomi trust, tested positive for Covid-19. All three were present at the bhoomi pujan for Ram temple in Ayodhya on August 5.

'No harassment angle in student's death'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh police has arrested two people in connection with the death of a 20-year-old student in Bulandshahr. However, they ruled out that she was harassed by bike-borne men before being killed in an accident. Sudiksha Bhati, who hailed from Deri Scanar village in Gautam Buddh Nagar's Dadri, died on August 10 in a road crash in Bulandshahr district while she was pillion riding a motorcycle with her younger cousin, a minor. While her family has alleged that the road crash took place because two unidentified motorcycle-borne men were "following" her two-wheeler and harassing her, the police on Sunday said it has found no evidence to corroborate their claims.

Sudiksha, an academically bright student, was pursuing a graduation course in entrepreneurship at Babson College, Massachusetts (US), on a scholarship and was scheduled to go back on August 20.

Police said they arrested the two people—Deepak Choudhary and Raju—on the basis of CCTV camera footage.

Senior Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar Singh and District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar on Sunday ruled out harassment or a motorcycle stunt as cause of death. After going through footage from eight CCTV cameras, police have not found evidence of harassment, they said.

With PTI inputs

Bengal Governor alleges surveillance of Raj Bhavan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar dropped a bombshell on the Mamata Banerjee government on Sunday, saying that the Raj Bhavan was placed under surveillance "undermining the sanctity" of the institution

"I would like to tell you all Raj Bhavan is under surveillance. It undermines the sanctity of the Raj Bhavan. I will do everything to protect its sanctity," Dhankhar said at a press conference. "I have initiated a very serious, critical probe into it."

"As constitutional act, I will not, will never suffer any surveillance of any nature whatsoever. Those who have done it, must pay the price according to rule of law. My internal inquiry will be completed soon enough," the Governor said.

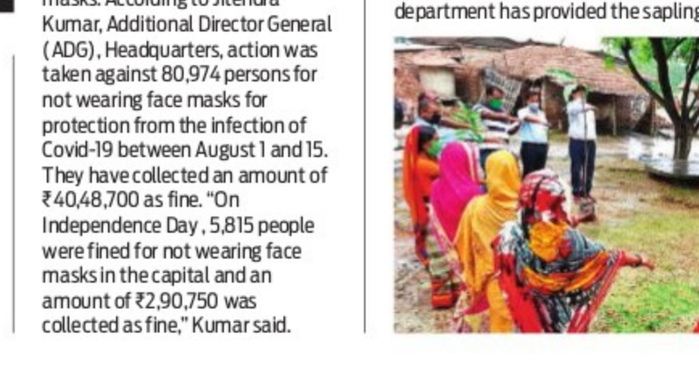
The latest statement by Dhankhar could only worsen his strained ties with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with whom he has often crossed swords over a host of issues in the past one year.

Incidentally, Mamata had skipped the Governor's Independence Day tea party a day before. Expressing "pain" at the CM and her Cabinet colleagues not attending the customary event at the Raj Bhavan, Dhankhar said that less than 35 distinguished guests had been invited keeping in mind the COVID-19 outbreak.

"It has been very painful for me....I was constantly interacting with the state government through the chief minister, was impressing upon her consistently that the programme will be held totally and strictly following the COVID protocol and keeping the number to bare minimum.

"It would have been befitting for the occasion, it would have been a good tribute to our freedom fighters' sacrifice if the chief minister and members of the executive invited (had attended); it has set a bad precedent," he said.

On the Constitution Day, the governor said, he was sixth in queue to address the Assembly. "I pray to Almighty that good sense prevails, Constitution is respected," Dhankhar said, adding, "15th August was another painful day for me, political violence and killing was noticed over unfurling of the national flag."



Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar arrives to pay tribute to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his death anniversary at Raj Bhavan in Kolkata on Sunday | PTI

'Helmet-Man' kicks off road safety initiative

Raghavendra Kumar, a Bihar-born youth, known as the Helmet Man of India, kicked-off a campaign called India Road Accident Free Resolution (IRAFR) in Kaimur district on Independence Day. The District Transport Officer (DTO) Rambabu inaugurated the initiative at Mohania Toll Plaza. Under the initiative, motorists would be given helmets free of cost. Kumar said that the IRAFR has been aimed at creating road safety awareness among road users. So far, more than 35,000 free helmets have been distributed by the famous Helmet-man in the country.

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Poor get Community Sanitary Complexes in Purnia

'Cleanliness is next to godliness' — the phrase coined by John Wesley in 1778, got a new meaning among the extremely poor families in Purnia district of the state on this Independence Day. The Purnia district administration dedicated 125 Community Sanitary Complexes to 2,250 families of about 13 blocks on Independence Day to promote cleanliness. "The residents were educated on as how cleanliness makes a person healthy and helps them work towards success exploring the essence of godliness from within," Rahul Kumar, DM Purnia said. He added that 2,764 houses, built under MPAT, were also dedicated to beneficiaries and work on Solid Waste Management kicked-off in Gurhi Panchayat of Kasba block.

Over 80K penalised for not wearing masks

The police have taken action against more than eighty thousand people in last fortnight in the state for not wearing face masks. According to Jitendra Kumar, Additional Director General (ADG), Headquarters, action was taken against 80,974 persons for not wearing face masks for protection from the infection of Covid-19 between August 1 and 15. They have collected an amount of ₹40,48,700 as fine. "On Independence Day , 5,815 people were fined for not wearing face masks in the capital and an amount of ₹2,90,750 was collected as fine," Kumar said.

Jeevika-Didis plant over 65 lakh saplings

About 65 lakh saplings were planted by women associated with Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), also called Jeevika, recently under the Mission 2.51-Crore started by CM Nitish Kumar. BRLPS CEO Balamurgan D said that more than 64 lakhs of herbals and fruit- bearing saplings were planted by the women, also known as "Jeevika-Didis". "One Jeevika Didi one saplings-that was the basis adopted for planting the saplings. The forest department has provided the saplings to us", the CEO said.

31 migrants who were trying to cross the English Channel to the British coast in small boats were rescued by French maritime authorities on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower

Beijing	28	24	LC	Los Angeles	32	20	SNY
Colombo	31	25	HR	Melbourne	15	10	LC
Dhaka	31	26	HR	Moscow	22	10	LC
Dubai	39	30	SNY	New York	27	19	LC
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	30	20	TDS
Istanbul	28	20	LC	Toronto	25	14	HR
London	22	15	HR	Washington	30	19	LC

Phones between UAE &Israel start ringing

Protests erupt in Pakistan as the two countries opened diplomatic ties; Iran also urged UAE to 'revise' its position

DUBAI

TELEPHONE service between the United Arab Emirates and Israel began working on Sunday as the two countries opened diplomatic ties, part of a deal brokered by the US that required Israel to halt its contentious plan to annex West Bank land sought by the Palestinians for a future state.

Associated Press journalists in Jerusalem and Dubai were able to call each other from both landline and cellular phones registered to Israel's country code +972.

Emirati officials also acknowledged that Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan had called his Israeli counterpart Gabi Ashkenazi.

Israeli Communications Minister Yoaz Handel issued a statement "congratulating the United Arab Emirates on removing the blocks."

"Many economic opportunities will open now, and these trust-building steps are an important step toward advancing states' interests," Handel said.

Also Sunday, Israeli news websites that had previously been blocked by UAE authorities, like *The Times of Israel*, *The Jerusalem Post* and *YNet*, could be accessed without using means to bypass internet filtering in the Emirates.

In the UAE, a recorded message in Arabic and English would typically play prior to Sunday saying calls to +972 numbers could not be connected. The advent of internet calling allowed people to get around the ban, though these too were often interrupted.

Some in Israel used Palestinian mobile phone numbers with +970 numbers, which those in the UAE could call.

The historic deal delivered a key foreign policy victory to President Donald Trump as he seeks re-election and reflected a changing West Asia in which shared concerns about archenemy Iran have largely overtaken traditional Arab support for the Palestinians.

Palestinians say it puts a just resolution of West Asia conflict even farther out of reach by undermining an Arab consensus that recognition of Israel only come in return for concessions in peace talks. That removes a rare source of leverage for the Palestinians.

The move has sparked anger among some who see it as a betrayal of longstanding efforts to establish an independent state of Palestinians.

In Pakistan, hundreds of Islamists rallied Sunday to denounce the Emirati-Israeli deal. The Jamaat-e-Islami party chanted slogans against the US and burned effigies of Trump. They also set ablaze American and Israeli flags.

On Sunday, Mohammad Hossein Bagheri, the chief of staff of Iran's armed forces called urged UAE to "revise" its position. "If an incident happens in the Persian Gulf and violates the national security of the Islamic Republic of Iran, even a tiny bit, and we see it from the UAE, we will not tolerate it," he said. *AP*

Israeli protesters, one wearing a mask representing PM Benjamin Netanyahu, the other dressed as an Arab, make a heart-shaped gesture during an anti-government demonstration in front of the Prime Minister's residence on Saturday | AFP

NO RESPITE FOR NETANYAHU DESPITE DEAL

JERUSALEM: Thousands of Israelis demonstrated outside the official residence of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday night, resuming their calls for the embattled leader to step down despite his historic agreement to establish diplomatic ties with the United Arab Emirates. Israelis have been gathering outside Netanyahu's residence several times a week throughout the summer, protesting his handling of the coronavirus crisis and saying he should not remain in office while on trial for corruption charges. While Netanyahu has tried to play down the protests, the gatherings appear to be getting stronger. *AP*

ISRAELI ARMY TARGETS HAMAS IN GAZA

JERUSALEM: Israel closed the Gaza Strip's offshore fishing zone on Sunday following a night of cross-border fighting with Palestinian militants, the most intense escalation of hostilities in recent months. Palestinian militants fired two rockets into southern Israel after Israeli airstrikes targeted sites belonging to the territory's Hamas rulers. The military said the Iron Dome aerial defence system intercepted the two rockets that militants in Gaza launched at Israel. But police said rocket fallout caused damage to a house in the town of Sderot and paramedics treated a 58-year-old man for minor wounds from the exploding glass. The Gaza health ministry said Israeli gunfire at protesters wounded two Palestinians. Israel holds Hamas, the Islamist group ruling the Gaza Strip, responsible for all attacks emanating from the Palestinian territory. *AP*

Lebanon prez open to peace with Tel Aviv

PARIS

LEBANESE President Michel Aoun, ally of Israel's arch-foe Hezbollah, seemed to leave the door open to eventual peace with the Jewish state, in an interview with French news channel *BFMTV*.

Lebanon has technically been at war with neighbouring Israel for decades, with tensions sporadically flaring in the border area in Lebanon's south, stronghold of the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah movement.

Asked in an interview on *BFMTV* on Saturday whether Lebanon would be prepared to make peace with Israel, Aoun responded: "That depends. We have problems with Israel, we have to resolve them first."

His statement came in the wake of an announcement Thursday that Israel would normalise relations with the UAE. Aoun's Christian Free Patriotic Movement has for years been politically allied with Hezbollah, enabling them to dominate parliament and the government. Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said on Friday of the Israel-UAE agreement that "it's a betrayal of Jerusalem and the Palestinian people. It's a knife in the back."

A key point of contention between Lebanon and Israel concerns oil and gas resources in the eastern Mediterranean, where both have sought bids for exploration in their exclusive economic zones. *AFP*

DON'S BEST FRIEND

Trump's younger brother, Robert, dies at age 71

NEW YORK

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump's younger brother, Robert Trump, a businessman known for an even keel that seemed almost incompatible with the family name, died Saturday night after being hospitalised in New York, the president said in a statement. He was 71.

The President visited his brother at a New York City hospital on Friday after White House officials said he had become seriously ill. Officials did not immediately release a cause of death.

"It is with heavy heart I share that my wonderful brother, Robert, peacefully passed away tonight," Trump said in a statement.

"He was not just my brother, he was my best friend. He will be greatly missed, but we will meet again. His memory will live on in my heart forever. Robert, I love you. Rest in peace," he added.

The youngest of the Trump siblings had remained close to the 74-year-old president and, as recently as June, filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Trump family that unsuccessfully sought to stop publication of a tell-all book by the president's niece, Mary.

Robert Trump had reportedly been hospitalised in the intensive care unit for several days that same month.

(File image) Robert Trump | AFP

Robert Stewart Trump was born in 1948, the youngest of New York City real estate developer Fred Trump's five children.

The president, more than two years older than Robert, admittedly bullied his brother in their younger years, even as he praised his loyalty and laid-back demeanor.

A Boston University graduate, Robert Trump later managed the Brooklyn portion of father Fred Trump's real estate empire, which was eventually sold.

Authors Michael Kranish and Marc Fisher described Robert Trump as soft spoken but cerebral in *Trump Revealed: The Definitive Biography of the 45th President*: "He lacked Donald's charismatic showmanship, and he was happy to leave the bravado to his brother, but he could show flashes of Trump temper." *AP*

BELARUS PREZ REJECTS REPOLLING DEMAND

MINSK

BELARUS President Alexander Lukashenko, under pressure from massive protests that broke out after a questionable election that gave him a sixth term in a landslide, on Sunday vehemently rejected any possibility of holding a rerun of the vote.

Lukashenko spoke at a rally of thousands of government supporters near the main government building in Minsk, the capital, while large crowds streamed toward the site of an opposition rally 2.5 kilometres away, the ninth straight day of anti-government rallies.

On Sunday, the 65-year-old Lukashenko accused Western powers of interfering in his country's sovereignty. He claimed they were gathering military units in countries along Belarus' western borders and denounced suggestions by some Western nations that Belarus should rerun its August 9 presidential vote, which opposition supporters say gave Lukashenko a victory only through massive fraud.

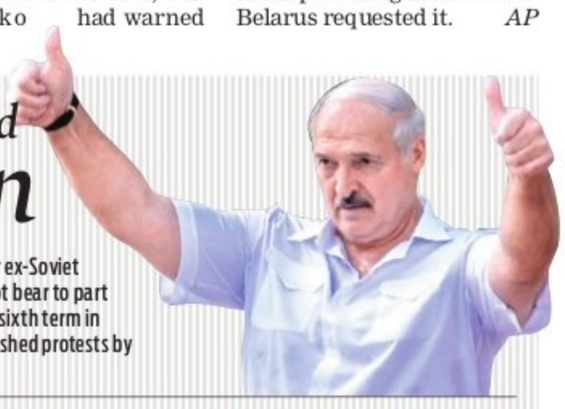
"If we follow their lead (and rerun the election), we will perish as a state," Lukashenko declared on Sunday, a day after saying he and Russian President Vladimir Putin had agreed that Russia would send unspecified security assistance to Belarus if Lukashenko asked for it.

In previous months, Lukashenko had warned that Putin had wanted to take over Belarus, a nation of 9.5 million people in Eastern Europe that has a long border with Russia.

As Lukashenko invoked fears of Western military designs on Belarus, the Collective Treaty Security Organization, a military alliance of six former Soviet states including Belarus, said Sunday it would make a decision about providing assistance if Belarus requested it. *AP*

Thousands of supporters of Alexander Lukashenko with Belarusian State flags gather at Independent Square of Minsk on Sunday | AP

Europe's moustachioed strongman



Strongman **Alexander Lukashenko** has ruled over ex-Soviet Belarus for nearly three decades and says he cannot bear to part with his "beloved" country. The 65-year-old won a sixth term in the polls in the recently-held polls and brutally crushed protests by opponents who claim he rigged the vote

BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF HIS LIFE
- Ordinary Belarusians and independent observers accuse him of stealing the election from 37-year-old Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, who has emerged as the leader of the protest movement against his rule

BELARUS IN CHAOS
- Lukashenko detained his main opposition rivals ahead of the polls
- As post-election protests grew, about **7,000** people were arrested at the demonstrations

PERSONAL LIFE

WIFE: Galina Zhelnerovich
- His latest election declaration said that he is still legally married
- However, he has never been seen in public with Galina, whom he wed in 1975

CHILDREN
Viktor, Dmitry and Nikolai

FUTURE SUCCESSOR?
- Lukashenko is often seen with his youngest son, 15-year-old Nikolai
- Western commentators opine that Nikolai is being groomed as Lukashenko's successor

RUSSIA: FRIEND OR FOE?
- The tightly-controlled eastern European nation still adheres to a command economy and looks to Moscow as its main ally, creditor and energy provider
- But Lukashenko has not been afraid to cross swords with the Kremlin as he nervously eyed its intervention in neighbouring Ukraine and has sought to mend fences with the West
- Lukashenko rejected the idea of outright unification with Russia and has also accused Moscow of meddling in the current presidential campaign

German food company to change racist sauce name

BERLIN

ONE of Germany's best-known food companies said it will rename a popular spicy dressing because of the racist connotations of its name.

Food company Knorr will change the name of its "Zigeuersauce," or "gypsy sauce" to "Paprika Sauce Hungarian Style," the German weekly *Bild am Sonntag* reported Sunday.

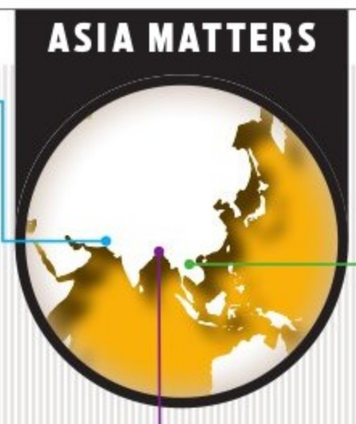
"Since 'gypsy sauce' can be interpreted in a negative way, we have decided to give our Knorr sauce a new name," said Unilever, the international consumer goods group that owns Knorr. Unilever could not independently be reached for comment on Sunday.

The popular spicy sauce, a staple in many German households, will within a few weeks show up with the new name in supermarkets across the country, *Bild am Sonntag* reported.

Civil rights groups have for years called for the renaming of the brand, but in 2013, the company rejected the demand, the German news agency *dpa* reported.

"Zigeuner" is a derogative German expression for the Roma and Sinti minority groups who have lived in many European countries for centuries. Roma and Sinti are still discriminated against in Europe. They often live below the poverty line and on the margins of society without equal access to education, jobs, or the opportunity for upwards mobility. Roma and Sinti organisations in Germany have long pointed out that the sauce is not even part of their traditional cuisine and they have also demanded for years that the name be abolished. The head of the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma welcomed Knorr's decision to no longer use the term. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

PIA resumes flights to European countries

The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has resumed its Paris operations under an alternative arrangement, more than a month after the European Union Air Safety Agency (EASA) suspended the national carrier's authorisation to operate in its member states for six months. The PIA has made alternative arrangements to resume its operations in European countries through special charter flights. Following the EASA's move, the UK Civil Aviation Authority also withdrew PIA's permit to operate from its airports in Birmingham, London and Manchester. Later, the United States also imposed a ban on flights of the national flag carrier for six months citing dubious licences.

BANGLADESH

Five arrested after three children beaten to death

Five men have been arrested after three children were beaten to death at a juvenile detention centre in Bangladesh, the police said. "Eighteen children were beaten for an hour around noon by the officials and several other children," police inspector Mohammad Rokibuzzaman said on Thursday. The five — the centre's head, two teachers and a counsellor — were detained late Saturday amid an ongoing investigation, police said

THAILAND

Pro-democracy protest draws at least 10,000

An anti-government protest in Thailand drew at least 10,000 people on Sunday, police said, the largest political demonstration the kingdom has seen in years as a pro-democracy movement gathers steam. Student-led groups have held near-daily protests across the country for the past month to denounce Premier Prayut Chan-O-Cha — a former army chief who led a 2014 coup — and his military-aligned administration. By Sunday evening the protesters — who are demanding major democratic reforms — had taken over the busy intersection around Bangkok's Democracy Monument, which was built to mark the 1932 revolution that ended royal absolutism

MIXED FEELINGS

Indian-Americans unsure about Democratic party's V-P pick Harris

HOUSTON

KAMALA Harris' historic selection as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate has evoked mixed reactions from the influential Indian-Americans, with a majority of them voicing unfavourable views about the senator's track record and her stance towards India and the community.

While her nomination has filled many aspiring women, particularly young women of colour, the 55-year-old Harris' selection has also generated mixed reactions from about 3.9 million Indian-Americans, both Republicans and indecisive voters, who believe she lacks understanding of what she stands for and does not consider herself as a woman of Indian origin.

Radha Dixit, the founding member of Indo-American Conservatives of Texas, said, "The Democratic Party's reliance on 'Identity politics' has undermined her campaign because the focus has shifted to her being Indian, Asian, Jamaican, African-American and a woman of colour. Divisions in these communities are now coming to surface. Nowhere did Kamala try to claim her Hindu or Indian heritage but people are thrusting their values on her".

Founder of the 'Living Planet Foundation' Kusum Vyas considers Harris' nomination as refreshing but questions her track record.

"She has solid credentials, but do we need to support a person who is a known critic of India's Kashmir policy and has a strong leaning towards Pakistan. She has recommended abolishing the legal immigration process and supports illegal immigration which hurts people from countries like India, who come here legally," Vyas said.

"Harris is a supporter of the anti-India, anti-Hindu brigade, who calls herself Black, hates Indian side of her family, never recognised herself as an Indian," said Radhika Sud from Atlanta. *PTI*

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris arrive at a news conference Delaware | AP

Kamala reminisces idlis and long walks in Madras

Democratic V-P-nominee Senator Kamala Harris, during her maiden address to the Indian-American community, organised by Indians for Biden National Council, reflected on her proud Indian heritage and recalled how her mother always wanted to instill in her a "love for good idli". Harris, took a trip down the memory lane, mentioning her "long walks" in Madras (now Chennai) with her grandfather who would tell her about the "heroes" responsible for the birth of the world's largest democracy *PTI*

WHAT TO DO WITH GOLD?

Indians love the yellow metal as jewellery, but there's a need to value the gold you own

RAJAS KELKAR

DATA can always tell you a story. You should know how to get it talking. The number of people searching for the term 'gold' is much bigger than words like 'inves ing', 'money', savings' or 'Sensex', according to Google Trends.

The interest in gold is pretty much nationwide. It dominates two-thirds of the search that Indians do practically anywhere. The South Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana dominate the search on gold. The recent uptick in the interest for gold shows people are looking to either evaluate the gold they own or keeping track of gold prices to buy or sell more.

The rise in interest for the term 'gold' coincides with a sharp increase in gold prices over the past six months.

In India, we are a nation that is for gold. We love it as jewellery, we love it as gold bars and coins and now also as bonds or exchange-traded funds. Indian households and temple trusts are collectively estimated to own 25,000 tonnes of gold, according to estimates of agencies like the World Gold Council. At current prices, the value of all this gold is nearly half of India's GDP of $2.6 trillion.

The year so far has created enough situations for you to realise the importance of things related to money and wealth. There is a need for you also to value the gold you own and review the situation.

It appears that a quick fix to money problems for many is to borrow against gold. Manappuram Finance is a company that predominantly lends against gold. The quarterly results in June 2020 give insights on some behavioural aspect of gold.

About 70 per cent of the loans given by the non-banking finance company are gold loans. The company's assets under management grew 26 per cent over last year during the quarter to June 2020. An average gold loan for the company is 51 days, and most of the business is coming from existing borrowers. The average loan-to-value of gold loans is 57 per cent. The company's holding of gold is significantly more than the money lent. That has happened due to a surge in prices.

If you are in financial difficulty due to a loss of income or see uncertainty ahead, as a borrower, you can ask your lender to top up the existing loan. The Reserve Bank of India has increased the permissible loan-to-value for gold loans to 90 per cent. The benefit is available until March 31 2021.

How to play the bond

There are new sovereign gold bonds in the market. The Reserve Bank of India issues these bonds on behalf of the government. The price per unit is the price of 1 gm of gold in the market. There are 42 offerings from the government since 2015. The cost of 1 gm gold has nearly doubled in that time. Gold prices are at their peak.

You may not want to be a new buyer in gold right now. However, if you have gold coins or bars or you have invested in gold for investment purpose, only then it is a good idea to convert the substantial investment into these bonds. You get an additional interest rate over the market price.

The world has rarely witnessed a crash in gold prices as it is used as a hedge against inflation. That does not mean it will not happen. The present rally in gold is driven by investors and not by the demand for consumption. The gold demand from China and India, the world's biggest gold consumers, has slumped by more than half in the first half of 2020.

When people are not interested in gold, they do not buy more. But they continue to hold the gold they own in the form of jewellery. That is perhaps the reason why gold prices rarely crash. They stagnate for years. However, this time, the presence of too many investors suggests that it may be different. Investors move their money in and out of asset classes. There is an unease currently in financial assets due to zero interest rates. A lot of money is chasing too few assets. Investors are not happy with prospects for financial assets for now. That does not mean they are not interested in them.

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TAPAS RANJAN

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MONEY-WISE

Accumulating Money for Retirement: Safety First Investing!

THERE are two important phases of Retirement money management. The first phase is called the "Accumulation Stage" when you are accumulating money for retirement. The second phase is called the "withdrawal" stage. We are talking about phase 1 — the accumulating stage.

When you are young (say below 50 years of age) you just know that you need some amount of money for retiring. However, when you are about 50 years of age you know more clearly how much you require. The thumb rule is you require about 30 to 40 times your annual expenses. Annual expenses when you are 60. However, there are some people who take a more conservative estimate. They say that all the money that you will ever spend while in retirement should be available with you by the time you retire.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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The two types of investing are called — Safety First Investing, and Sustainable Withdrawal Rates – I am not sure how many of us have heard of these two words. Here is a brief introduction with a common example.

Safety First Investing means you have to have created such a size of the corpus that there is no need to take equity market risk.

How does this work? Well, let us say the expenses of Mr. Raju is ₹5,00,000 per annum at the age of 60. Mathematically speaking he needs about ₹1.5 crore (30x his annual expenses) for his retirement.

However, on an assumption that inflation is 6%, the total amount that he needs (by just adding up all his expenses over 30 years) that amount is ₹4 crore (actual Excel calculation will show this as 3.95 crore).

So if he just put ₹4 crore in an ultra-short bond fund portfolio – say in four fund houses — in two names. Mr. Raju and Mrs. Raju. As a couple, they can withdraw ₹5L each (tax-free) and not worry AT ALL about market fluctuation. This gives huge comfort for the person who does not understand equity markets at all. In a mutual fund he will pay far less Income tax than in a bank fixed deposit. It is a more tax efficient way of investing.

What if they have ₹10 crore to invest? Well put ₹4 crore in ultra-short bond fund and the remaining in equities, debt, and say gold.

Honestly, that money is going to be inherited by your children. Let them have a say, but there is no need to give it away when you are 60. However, when you are 80, your liquid fund will be booming — you may have drawn less, or it would have earned a good rate of interest. At this stage you can look at the second bucket and decide to distribute a little. Remember the first bucket may be more than enough even if you live to 100 years of life!

This is what is called "safety first investing". Another way of Safety First Investing is by creating a direct equity portfolio where Mr R's dividend is ₹10L at the age of 60. On an assumption that the portfolio is well managed, dividends will take care of inflation, and excess if any, will be invested in a liquid fund.

Non-life insurance biz grows in July, albeit marginally

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE non-life insurance industry has reported a growth both sequentially and yearly in July 2020 driven by the health segment. Non-life insurers have registered an 18.4 per cent year-on-year growth in premiums in July. Premiums of ₹17,011 crore in July have been amassed, witnessing a hike from ₹14,369 crore worth premiums that were collected last year in the same period.

According to insurance regulator IRDAI, the monthly gross direct premiums till July 2020 rose marginally by 1.6 per cent to ₹56,339.8 crore from ₹55,442.1 crore till July 2019. However, this minimal increase can be juxtaposed against a significant rise of 13 per cent y-o-y till July 2019.

"The growth has been primarily led by the health segment. Another reason that could be attributed to this growth is that July 2020 was the last month for investing in insurance policies and claiming deduction under Section 80D and Section 80C of the Income Tax Act," Care Ratings said in a report.

The standalone health insurers posted a growth of 40.9 per cent in July, which is roughly comparable to the growth of 43.7 per cent witnessed in July 2019. However, year-to-date (YTD) July FY21 numbers have grown at a much slower rate of 23 per cent as compared to the YTD July FY 20 growth of 41.9 per cent. Notably, this growth is significantly higher than growth witnessed by the overall industry.

As of June, motor insurance constitutes around 30 per cent of market share of new premiums in the non-life industry, while health is about 34 per cent. Care noted that muted economic growth and subdued activity in auto sales would further impact motor insurance business, while health insurance will continue to rise.

NEW VERTICAL

Federal Bank set to launch its own credit card

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@ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender Federal Bank is looking to enter the credit card segment in the next one year to complete its suite of lending products, a senior official said on Thursday. The bank, which already has a co-branded card offering with SBI Cards, will focus on its existing customer base of over one crore to sell cards, said its country head for deposit, cards and personal loans Nilufer Mullanfiroze.

"In next 9-12 months we are looking at a launch of an independent credit card. There is an expectation that the new normal should settle down in India by then," Mullanfiroze added.

The pandemic, which has resulted in job losses and salary cuts, has led to a growing number of enquiries for unsecured products like credit cards and personal loans. On Thursday, the bank had announced it has tied up with global payments and services provider Fiserv to enable digitisation of the bank's end-to-end card issuance and processing cycle, and also support the launch and subsequent growth of its credit card business.

(With inputs from PTI)

EXPRESS READ

Coking coal imports at major ports dip 31%

New Delhi: Hit by disruptions caused by the Covid-19, both thermal and coking coal imports at India's 12 major ports dropped 31 per cent to 36.7 million tonnes (MT) in April-July 2020 over the same period a year ago, according to the Indian Ports' Association (IPA). Thermal coal imports dropped 30 per cent and coking coal fell 32.26 per cent.

SFB expects decline in interest, fee income

New Delhi: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) is expecting a dip in interest and fee incomes this fiscal due to disruptions caused by Covid-19 and ensuing lockdowns, according to its annual report. The bank, however, said that the pandemic had a minimal impact on its books in FY20 as the nationwide lockdown was imposed late March.

Steel output, demand to fall in 2020: Tata Steel

New Delhi: Steel demand is expected to decline significantly in 2020-21 in line with a projected contraction in the global economy due to the impact of coronavirus pandemic, Tata Steel has said in its annual report. Most of the steel producing regions are expected to witness a decline in crude steel output due to production cuts amidst the ongoing lockdowns, the steelmaker said.

Skyrocketing prices make bank FDs ineffective

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA may have had a bunch of low-inflation years in the recent past, but as July's CPI inflation print of 6.93 per cent shows, the pandemic-driven disruption is pushing prices up again—particularly in the crucial food items basket. Dealing with a trend of rising food prices is no easy prospect for anyone, but it becomes especially difficult for senior citizens whose primary source of income is the regular interest from a bank fixed deposit.

While FDs are a retiree-favourite because of the security and fixed rate of income they assure, they are only effective as a means of sustainable income when inflation remains below the rate of interest.

If inflation (the rise in prices, and hence the cost of living) rises above the FD interest rate, the depositor is actually getting a negative real rate of return on the investment. Inflation reduces purchasing power over time, and an income of ₹4 lakh per annum from an FD offering 5.5 per cent interest becomes progressively less valuable if prices rise faster than the interest rate. The current spell of inflation coupled with the Reserve Bank's massive interest rate cuts earlier has already resulted in such a scenario.

Since the end of May, when most lenders cut term deposit rates last, FD rates have ranged between 5.4-5.5 per cent per annum for a 5-10 year deposit. For senior citizens, this has ranged between 6-6.3 per cent depending on the bank.

But, after taking inflation into account for June (6.09 per cent) and July (6.93 per cent), and the tax applicable, the real rate of return for these FDs is in the negative, or as close to as to make little difference.

It thus becomes crucial for depositors to use a portion of their income from an FD, if not a small portion of the corpus itself, into investments that provide higher-than-inflation returns. While higher return investments like equity and debt generally involve an element of higher risk, they also offer substantially higher rates of return and may be a viable option to beat inflation.

Hedge against inflation

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹313.75

Target Price ₹360

GUJARAT GAS

PNGRB is expected to introduce competition in areas where marketing exclusivity has already expired. This would impact all CGDs. We are positive on GUJGA due to the best RoE profile of 22–25% and likely FCF generation of ~INR20.4b over FY21-FY22.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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INTERNET SAFETY

Insurers step up cyber risk coverage in post-pandemic digital world

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

CASHING in on the Covid-19 crisis and the subsequent lockdown that has forced companies and individuals to work from home, insurance companies have rolled out a host of plans to cover victims of cyber attacks. From someone accessing your emails remotely, malware attack or fraudulent transactions, the policies provided by insurers have become all the more mandatory as individuals and businesses become heavily reliant on digital technologies.

"Post the lockdown more and more individuals are using digital means to process payments. With social distancing the exchange of physical money has reduced even further as online methods of payment are taking on a much larger role. This leads to an increased cyber threat exposure, especially to new users, the elderly or less tech savvy," explained TA Ramalingam, chief technical officer, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance. He added that a major challenge is that people are not aware that a cyber cover for individuals exists which can act as a tool to mitigate and reduce losses from cyber-attacks. We are hoping that more people become aware about this insurance as it is a well-rounded product for the protection of individuals against cyber risks," Ramalinga said.

Currently, Bajaj Allianz and HDFC ERGO are the two key players which are providing cyber insurance covers for various incidents including identity theft , social media cover, cyber stalking, malware attack, phishing and data and privacy breach by third-party cover. The loss of an individual's finances, reputation, damage to mental health are also taken cognizance of.

So far, in India, only corporates and financial institutions have opted for cyber insurance cover, however, with increased digital payments and remote work models, the individuals may also opt for such polices.

"The sum Insured for the cover ranges from ₹1 lakh to ₹1 crore. The premium for this policy is quite affordable and ranges between ₹662 and ₹8,933 (excluding GST)," Ramalinga told this publication.

Hamilton claims 88th career win

Lewis Hamilton claimed his 88th Formula One career victory and, with it, an outright record 156th podium finish on Sunday when he drove his Mercedes to a masterful win in the Spanish Grand Prix. Max Verstappen of Red Bull finished second ahead of Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas.

Proper system need of the hour for badminton & its stars

Start, restart... that is the path the badminton national camp, set to begin from Monday, is following. After months of inaction, the national camp for elite shuttlers began, but not the way anyone would have envisaged. Perhaps there are shades of similarity the way the camp stopped — amidst controversy and shrouded in layers of ambiguity. There was always this lingering doubt over the attitude of top players.

The Sports Authority of India had resumed the camp from August 7 at the Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad for eight shuttlers after getting state government nod. PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal, Kidambi Srikanth, Ashwini Ponnappa, B Sai Praneeth, Chirag Shetty, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and N Sikki Reddy were the names listed.

On the day the academy was forced to shut down when Sikki tested positive (she subsequently tested negative on Saturday), there were three shuttlers training — Sindhu, Praneeth and Sikki herself. Others were training at their respective places. Chirag in Mumbai, his partner Satwiksairaj in Andhra. Ashwini, who partners Sikki, is currently training in Bengaluru. A few of them are likely to join by September. There are requests from top shuttlers to be allowed to train alone. Even now.

In short, if the camp does continue, it will be for two or three players only as of now. Srikanth is likely to join. A bunch of foreign and Indian coaches, including Pullela Gopichand, are currently there at the academy. Not to mention the support staff. Maybe under the circumstances, it may seem reasonable but then this is not ideal.

Contrast this to the other national camps that SAI has managed to conduct. In NIS Patiala, the elite boxers started their training after spending at least two weeks in quarantine and then entered a 'secure bubble'. Cycling is following the same protocol. Archery is set to follow suit. Not to mention the team sport of hockey, all of which are strictly adhering to SAI's SOP. Join the camp, stay quarantined and enter a secure bubble.

Interestingly, the shuttlers are not staying in a bio-secure environment. The academy does have space to accommodate both shuttlers and coaches but the players have chosen to travel from home on a daily basis which has increased the risk of infection. It's time for SAI, in the absence of Badminton Association of India due to the sports ministry's derecognition, to put things into perspective. Whether everyone should be attending the camp in a secure environment or be allowed to train from home or alone at different places with doubles players training individually? Questions abound.

Somehow, this doesn't seem new. Over the years, as the sport and its stars grew, there have been numerous instances of players choosing to train alone without consultation with the coaching staff. There have been examples of players missing training without the permission of competent authority or even the chief coach! Sometimes, coaches don't have much say in which meets players should be participating in. Slew of foreign coaches have left, complaining of indiscipline among players and constant interference. Even Gopichand has been advocating the need for a system to be put in place for all.

Stars in the game are increasing, so is the pool. Without guidelines and fixed responsibility, from players, coaches to selectors, the system will crumble. A sport that has given numerous international accolades, including medals at Olympics and World Championships, needs to be harnessed.

CHETAN CHAUHAN: 1947-2020

Fighter who never lost his cool, say teammates

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

A couple of days ago, a message popped up on a WhatsApp group of the 1983 World Cup-winning team members. The sender requested them to pray for the recovery of Chetan Chauhan, who was admitted to hospital after testing Covid-19 positive and suffering multi-organ failure.

Like others, former wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani extended his wishes and hopes for the best. Little did he know that his former teammate, who had played several gritty innings for India, would lose this battle. "It's tragic. It's a big loss for us and Indian cricket," Kirmani told this daily.

Speaking on his memories of Chauhan, the 70-year-old recalled the famous incident during third Test in Melbourne involving Sunil Gavaskar and Chauhan in 1981. "From what we could see from the dressing room, Gavaskar was looking to walk off the ground for being given out wrongly. Chauhan's body language suggested otherwise and I pushed our team manager Shahid Durrani to go in and sort out the issue," recalled Kirmani. Chauhan made 85 and shared an opening stand of 165 with Gavaskar as India registered a remarkable win to level the three-match series.

Madan Lal was at a loss of words after learning about the demise of his former Delhi and India teammate. "It's very sad. I cannot imagine he is no more," the former all-rounder said. He was in regular touch with Chauhan and had spoken to him about a month ago. "We kept talking to each other on how to help Delhi cricket. One thing I specifically remember is his cool demeanour. He never lost his cool no matter what the situation was. There were times when I used to get angry but he never lost composure."

Chauhan will always be remembered as the best opening partner Gavaskar ever had. Despite playing 40 Tests, he never scored a century. Kirmani and Lal felt he was unfortunate in this regard. "He played some good innings against quality pace attacks in overseas Tests but could not reach that three-figure mark. But it doesn't matter, as we know he was the perfect foil for Gavaskar and helped the team win matches," said Lal, who also heads BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee.

Even after retirement, Chauhan remained associated with the game. He served as the manager of the Indian team on a few occasions. He also served as president, vice-president, secretary and selection committee chief of the Delhi and District Cricket Association.

"He never went into retirement mode. He kept himself engaged in something or the other," Lal said.

CAPTAIN WITH NO BAGGAGE

Former BCCI supremo Srinivasan says Dhoni was a logical and fair person who never made unnecessary demands

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

MS Dhoni (right) with ex-BCCI chief N Srinivasan

It's been a pleasure playing under you, alongside you. You showed belief in me, which I would always be grateful for. I have said it before, I will say it again, you will always be my captain.
Virat Kohli, India captain

One of the most influential men in the history of Indian cricket. His impact in & around cricket was massive. He was a man with vision and a master in knowing how to build a team. Will surely miss him...
Rohit Sharma, India opener

DURING his stint as India captain from 2007-2016, MS Dhoni was seen in the board circles as one who enjoyed power beyond limits. Much of it had to with the former captain's relationship with N Srinivasan, who had been in the BCCI almost since Dhoni's entry into the Indian team.

Srinivasan was first the BCCI treasurer, then secretary and finally the president. There was also a strong connect between him and Dhoni, the talisman of Chennai Super Kings. Dhoni was perhaps the second captain after Sourav Ganguly to have a close relationship with the chief of the board. Whatever it be, Dhoni could rarely be touched.

A private man, who largely kept to hotel rooms unless enjoying bike rides along the ECR in Chennai during IPL months, Dhoni was an easy guy to deal with. Popular perceptions aside, BCCI officials don't recall him asking for unusual favours. Srinivasan's reply is a big "No" when asked if he ever demanded anything. "Dhoni is a logical, calm and a fair person. There was no occasion for him to say 'I want this or that'. His interest was the Indian team. And whatever he wanted to express, he did at selection committee meetings," he said.

Dhoni the captain in limited-over games was instinctive and proactive, taking calculated risks. From overlooking seniors in favour of youngsters to giving them time to find their feet, Dhoni left an imprint that is all over the current side.

While dropping Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly from the ODI side for 2008 tri-series in Australia made heads turn, Srinivasan, who was part of meetings as convenor of selectors, said: "The idea was never that we must win in 2011 and start preparing now. Idea was that we must win, every time we play. He thinks through everything and comes to a conclusion." Dhoni rarely took players who didn't fit in his scheme of things and he was a firm believer in giving opportunities to newcomers. Srinivasan said there was no need to interfere in Dhoni's decisions. "When I was the secretary or president, I never interfered. I believe every player gives his best and doesn't want to lose."

Asked to pick one trait of Dhoni, Srinivasan said: "I remember what India's finest tennis player Ramanathan Krishnan used to say when he lost. He always said, 'the opponent played better'. He would never say, 'my backhand didn't come properly'. One should have that equanimity. Dhoni had it, particularly in short formats as it all depends on form on that particular day."

Brand Dhoni won't suffer, say managers

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

THE international career of MS Dhoni is over, but his legacy will remain. This extends way beyond the cricket field. The former skipper is one of the biggest brand names, with around 30 endorsements. His demand didn't diminish after last year's World Cup and his business associates think this will not decrease after his retirement from international cricket.

"Dhoni is seen not just as a cricketer, but as a leader of men... His name has spread to nearly 150 countries after the biopic (*MS Dhoni, the Untold Story* starring the late Sushant Singh Rajput). Figures like him don't lose popularity after they retire. His value will increase and he will remain in demand," said Dhoni's long time business partner Arun Pandey. On an average, the Ranchi superstar costs advertisers around ₹5 crore per year for each deal. Minimum duration of the contracts is one year. It can go up to seven or eight years. At present, he earns around ₹150 crore per year from endorsements. "To give you an idea of his popularity, after last year's World Cup he has signed close to 10 deals," said Pandey. Mastercard, Gulf Oil, Dream XI and Go Daddy are some of the brands Dhoni endorses.

His managers bank on the belief that Dhoni's connect with the masses cannot be compared with other mega cricket stars, like Sachin Tendulkar or Virat Kohli. They also command big money, but Dhoni's "flavour and following" is different. This helps him bag contracts for products ranging to a wide variety, not just the niche. Mihir Diwakar, MD of Aarka Sports which manages Dhoni and other cricketers, feels retirement might see India's most successful Test captain concentrate more on business-related activities. "Because the contractual obligations will no longer exist, we can even see him become a partner in the company. Him not being an active cricketer may affect the brand value to an extent, but I don't think it will be significant." Along with business, the honorary lieutenant colonel of Indian Army may also spend more time with soldiers. "You could guess from the date of his retirement announcement how patriotic he is... So expect him to devote more time to these activities now," said Pandey.

EXPRESS READ

Goa set to host 7th edition of ISL in Nov

KOCHI: THE 2020-21 season of the Indian Super League will be held in Goa behind closed doors from November. The seventh edition of the competition will be held at three venues across Goa which include — the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda (Margao), Tilak Maidan in Vasco and the GMC Athletic Stadium in Bambolim. The ISL organisers said that they will be working closely with the Sports Authority Of Goa, Goa Football Association and the state administration to ensure a safe and secure season.

Lyon stun Man City to book semis berth

LISBON: Moussa Dembele broke his Champions League drought in timely fashion in Lisbon on Saturday after Maxwel Cornet again proved a thorn in Manchester City's side with his fourth goal in three games against the Premier League heavyweights. Quite remarkably, no player has struck more often versus Pep Guardiola's City since the start of the 2018-19 season than the Ivory Coast international.

Cyclist tests Covid-19 positive, camp on hold

NEW DELHI: Triyasha Paul, part of the national camp for sprint cyclists, tested positive for coronavirus on Sunday and the camp that was scheduled to start from August 14 at the IG Stadium in New Delhi has been put on hold. Even though she has not been in touch with the other athletes and coaches in the camp, a meeting will take place between the Cycling Federation of India and SAI officials to decide on the next course of action. Triyasha is currently asymptomatic. ENS

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An Australian man has been hailed a "hero" after repeatedly punching a shark until it released his wife's leg. Police said the couple were surfing at a beach near Port Macquarie, four hours north of Sydney, on Saturday morning when she was bitten twice and injured on her right leg.

Zoo in China celebrates oldest panda

AGED 38

BEIJING: A zoo in China's Chongqing municipality organised a birthday party on Sunday for the world's oldest captive giant panda, who turned 38 this year. A birthday cake covered with food that the celebrity "granny panda" named Xinxing loves — such as bamboo shoots, carrots and watermelons — was prepared for the occasion. Xinxing is the world's oldest captive giant panda. Her age is equivalent to more than 110 human years. The female panda is currently in good physical condition except for occasional hypertension.

More than 100 panda fans attended the birthday party at the zoo, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Xinxing was born in 1982 in the wild of Baoxing County of Sichuan Province where the French Catholic priest, zoologist and botanist Armand David discovered the species in 1869.

'Ignorance is our enemy'

Climate change may result in new epidemics if it continues unabated

Global warming has lead to the spread of diseases that kill half a million per year

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PARIS: Long-dormant viruses brought back to life; the resurgence of deadly and disfiguring smallpox; a dengue or zika "season" in Europe.

These could be disaster movie storylines, but they are also serious and increasingly plausible scenarios of epidemics unleashed by global warming, scientists say.

The Covid-19 pandemic that has swept the globe and claimed over 760,000 lives so far almost certainly came from a wild bat, highlighting the danger of humanity's constant encroachment on the planet's dwindling wild spaces.

But the expanding ecological footprint of our species could trigger epidemics in other ways too. Climate change — already wreaking havoc with one degree celsius of warming — is also emerging as a driver of infectious disease, whether by expanding the footprint of malaria- and dengue-carrying mosquitos, or defrosting prehistoric pathogens from the Siberian permafrost.

"In my darkest moments, I see a really horrible future for Homo sapiens because we are an animal, and when we extend our borders things will happen to us," said Birgitta Evengard, a researcher at Umea University in Sweden. "Our biggest enemy is our own ignorance. Nature is full of micro-organisms."

Think of permafrost, a climate change time bomb spread across Russia, Canada and Alaska that contains three times the carbon that has been emitted since the start of industrialisation.

Even if humanity manages to cap global warming at under two degrees celsius, the cornerstone goal of the 2015 Paris Agreement, the permafrost area will decrease by a quarter by 2100, according to the UN's climate science panel, the IPCC. And then there are the permafrost's hidden treasures.

"Microorganisms can survive in frozen space for a long, long time," said Vladimir Romanovsky, a professor of geophysics at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

FACT OF THE MATTER

FB's fight against fake news

NEW FEATURE

Struggling to tame the spread of misinformation on its platform, Facebook can better reduce the extent to which their users fall for and spread fake news articles by deploying a better designed fake news flag. Researchers from the University of Texas at Austin found that although Facebook users may be too quick to believe or share misinformation, flagging fake news can also make a significant difference. Facebook now uses technology and fact-checkers to identify false information and moves the information lower in the feed so it's less likely to be seen.

New ventilator for Covid

AFFORDABLE OPTION

Using standard parts that cost less than $400, scientists have developed an emergency ventilator which could be an affordable option when more sophisticated technology is not available, or in short supply, an invention that may help save the lives of those suffering from Covid-19. While in the simplest ventilators, doctors squeeze a self-inflating bag by hand to pump air into the lungs, and high-end automated versions use complex electronics to control multiple parameters. It is a cost-effective device with a mechanism that automatically squeezes the self-inflating bag.

Italy garbage dips with virus lockdown

PLASTICS RISE

ROME: Italy produced 10 per cent less garbage during its coronavirus lockdown, but environmentalists warn that increased reliance on disposable face masks and packaging is imperilingeffortstocurbsingle-use plastics that end up in oceans and seas.

Italian researchers estimate that during the peak months of Italy's lockdown in March and April, urban waste production fell by 500,000 tons.

That decrease is enabling dumps in Italy 'where trash collection in major cities has often become a hot-button political issue' to absorb the 300,000 tons of extra waste from protective masks and gloves estimated to be used this year, according to the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research.

"Substantially, the figures will balance each other by the end of this year," Valeria Frittelloni, the institute's head of waste management and circular economy, told The Associated Press.But the pandemic dealt a blow to efforts to move away from single-use plastics in many places where they were just beginning to become mainstream.

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Movie premiere

American musical fantasy film produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, *The Wizard of Oz* premiered on this day in 1939 in New York City

PLOT

In the film based on L Frank Baum's stories, Dorothy and her dog Toto somehow end up in the land of Oz. Here, she meets friends and foes in her journey to meet the Wizard of Oz

A HIT ON TV

On release, the film was a success but not a phenomenon. When it aired on television in 1956, it was the most watched film in the world

AWARDS

The film was nominated for six Oscars. It won Best Original Song and Best Original Score. It lost Best Picture to *Gone with the Wind*

Krishna's first look from Love Mocktail 2

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FOES, FRIENDS AND FORGOTTEN STORIES

Three city filmmakers come together with US-based academician to remember the forgotten Indian soldiers of WW-II in a short film

• **Monika Monalisa**

It's been 81 years since World War-II changed global history, but few know the role played by over 2.5 million Indians in it. Prof Annu Palakunnathu Matthew's photography project, *The Unremembered: Indian Soldiers from the Italian Campaign of World War II*, is a compilation of many such stories. Now, the project, which was ready in 2019-end, has been captured in a short film by three city-based filmmakers – **Ganesh Shankar Raj**, Sujit Nair and Arjun Kumar – who are co-founders of Mindia, a digital production house. The short film, titled *Searching For The Unremembered – The Forgotten Indian Soldiers of World War 2*, was released on August 13 on their YouTube channel.

My friend sent me a photograph of her grandfather, posing casually in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in his Army uniform. The photograph gave me an immediate face to those 2.5 million Indians

—**Annu Palakunnathu Matthew,** professor, University of Rhode Island

Matthew, a professor of art (photography) at University of Rhode Island in the United States, says her quest for this research started on the opening day of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale in December 2018, when her friend got to know that she was exhibiting an installation on the Indian soldiers of the Italian Campaign of WW-II. "She sent me a photograph of her grandfather, Lt. Col. Goal Chakraborty, posing casually in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in his Army uniform. The striking photograph gave me an immediate face and a visceral connection to those 2.5 million Indians. This has led me down a rabbit hole of sorts to crowd-source and collect family photos of these Indian soldiers," Matthew, who grew up in Bengaluru and moved to the United States for higher studies, tells CE. It took her almost three years of research to finally put it all together last year.

The idea of making her project into a digital film came about when Raj attended a session by Matthew in Bengaluru. Fascinated by the stories that were brought to light, he approached her to do a short film about her findings. "The world has become very small by going digital. And this was a story that had to be brought to a larger audience," says Raj, who has been a filmmaker for over two decades. The movie features Matthew as the narrator who brings the stories to the audience. The whole process took them around three months which were spent in conceptualising, getting file footage from various sources, and shooting. "Since it was a vast subject, the biggest hurdle was to put everything in five minutes," Raj adds.

Lt. Col. Goal Chakraborty. (Pic courtesy: Monisha Nayar-Akhtar & Yamini Nayar)

Standing (from left) Chacko, D'Souza; and sitting (from left)Sharafat Ali, Lt RG Salvi and Murrafat Ali. (Pic courtesy Samar Salvi)

ITALIAN CONNECTION

When the Italians signed an armistice with the Allies in September 1943, the camp's Italian guards disbanded, and a number of POWs fled before the Germans took over. Five POWs – Chacko, D'Souza, RG Salvi and brothers Sharafat Ali and Murrafat Ali – were tasked by the German soldiers to capture escaped POWs and bring them back. But they decided to escape themselves. They walked all night following a railway line. After over four hours they were exhausted and were about to sleep in a ditch when they heard the early morning chime of church bells. Realising that there was a village nearby, they pushed on and discovered the tiny town of Villa San Sebastiano. One of the Indians spoke Italian and was able to convince an Italian soldier, Romano Berardo (who had just deserted his army unit and was returning to his home in Villa San Sebastiano) to shelter them. He hid the five men. That started an ordeal that lasted over a year but saved their lives. The Indians also made friendships that continued after the war ended, after they left the town. Salvi and his wife, Hansa, returned to meet and thank his Italian friends. Salvi's grandson, Samar, who lives in Bengaluru, was captivated as a young boy by these stories and always wanted to visit the village to meet the people who had saved his grandfather's life. Nearly 70 years later, in 2010, he had that opportunity, while living in England.

Bending barriers

• **Express Features**

Covid-19 may have changed the way art and culture events are held, but most organisers have proved their resilience by keeping the show going. Among them is Sandbox Collective, an artists' collective, and Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, who are planning the sixth edition of the Gender Bender festival. They have announced an open call for applications, that will go on till September 15, and through it, they hope to "showcase new works of art around gender, as a concept, discourse, construct, and art itself," says Shiva Pathak, co-founder of Sandbox Collective.

Projects selected from the open call will be presented between December 3 and 6 this year. While the aim is to conduct the festival as planned, there could be unforeseen changes due to the ongoing pandemic. "Since we are uncertain of whether this will be showcased online or offline, we have also decided to give the grantees an additional amount for documentation of their process. We will also provide expert consultation on ways in which they can document," says Sandbox Collective co-founder Nimi Ravindran. The grant includes a maximum amount of ₹50,000 towards the creation of the work, awarded at the discretion of the panel and an additional ₹5,000 for documentation. The hope, however, is that participants do not restrict their ideas.

Explains Pathak, "For example, if someone wants to travel to some place to make a film, they should apply with the idea. Similarly, performance artistes (dance and theatre) should not think of performances that will only work in the online space." In terms of the nature of the work, the festival calls for any form of expression across different media, be it dance, drawing, photography, pottery, mixed media or even mime. Besides works created under the grant provided, the festival will also showcase a set of curated talks and discussions centered around gender.

The deadline for applications is Sept 15.

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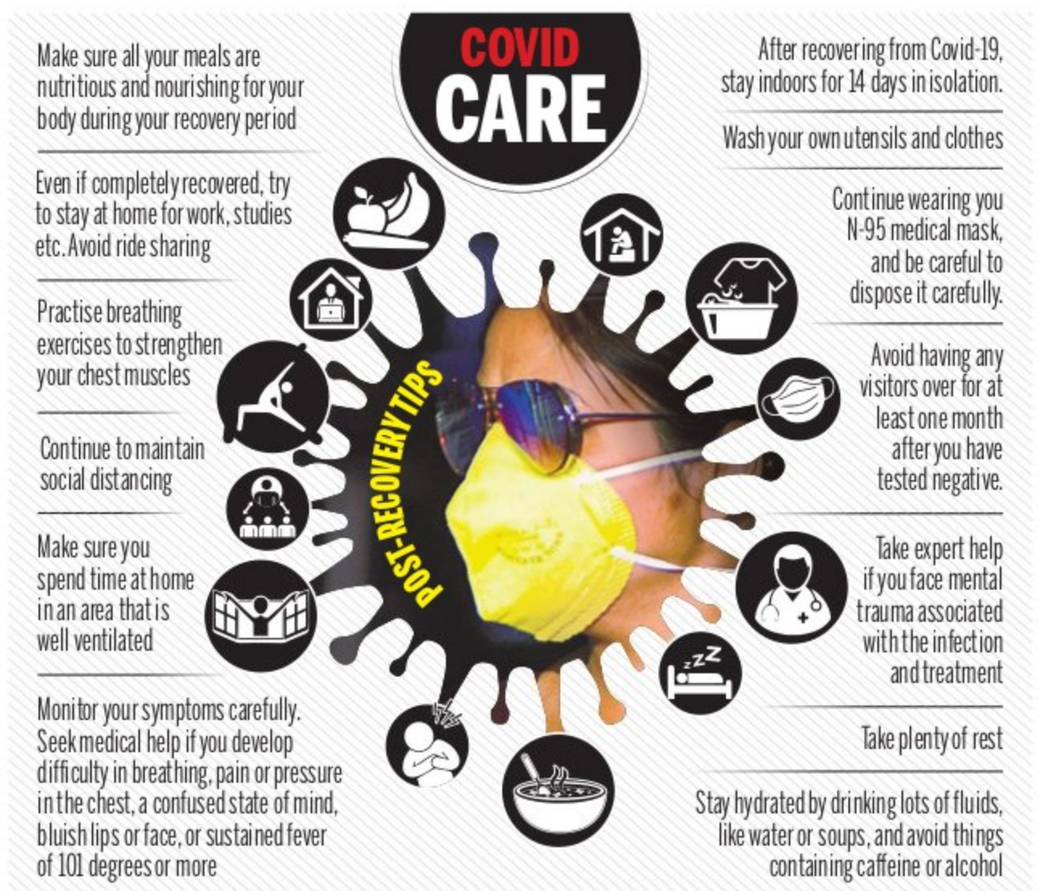
—**Shiva Pathak,** co-founder, Sandbox Collective.

Belly dancer Eshan Hilal during the previous edition of Gender Bender. Pic: Falana Films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TUNING IN

On a new pitch

• **Simran Ahuja**

These past few days have been nothing short of a dream for Frizzell D'Souza. After two years of being a cover artiste, the musician is out with a debut single, aptly named *New*, which is streaming on Spotify, Jio Saavn, Amazon Music and Apple Music. "Now, people are making covers of my song, which is such a nice feeling," says D'Souza, a student at RV College of Architecture in the city. Currently attending online classes from Mangaluru, the 20-year-old explains how writing her own music has always been a wish of hers, one that came to fruition during the pandemic. "A year ago, I couldn't have imagined this. But this quarantine period has got out the best of me," she says, adding that the song has gained recognition from musicians like Ehsaan Noorani and Raghav Meattle, both of whom also helped and encouraged D'Souza with her first original single.

While the song writing was done in April, the single was released on August 9. Besides D'Souza, six others were involved in the process, including artistes from a collective called The Urban Weaver, and producer Akshay Baliga. "It took this long because the writing and recording was done by me in Mangaluru, production was in Bantwal, the guitar parts came from an artiste in Bengaluru, and the final mastering was done from someone in Kerala," says D'Souza. With no access to a professional studio, the musician resorted to recording the song post-midnight hours in her own room. "I left Bengaluru to come to Mangaluru before the lockdown began. I was in such a hurry that I didn't even get my clothes. But I did manage to get my recording equipment, which has been a huge blessing," she says.

The 4.5 minute-long song, though focuses on a couple in a relationship, is relatable enough to strike a chord with anyone. Partly fictional, partly inspired by D'Souza's own experiences and those of her friends, the single explores how two people can get stuck in a loop with each other and the need to invite something new in their equation. "It got 4,000 streams in a day alone and musicians from Abu Dhabi and Chennai made covers too. The validation has been gratifying," says the daughter of doctor parents. "My family has been encouraging too. You know how desi parents can be sometimes. They may not tell you they are proud of you, but it is implied."

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—**Frizzell D'Souza,** singer

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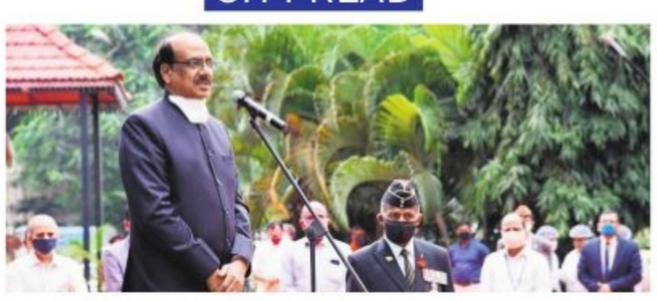

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Canara Bank celebrated the 74th Independence Day at their head office on JC Road. The managing director and CEO of the bank, L V Prabhakar, hoisted the national flag and addressed the gathering.

University begins campus recruitment

Campus recruitment has commenced for batch of 2021 at PES University despite the pandemic. AppDynamics Technologies India Private Limited was the first firm to start e-hiring. Bharani Ujjaini Kempaiah, Viraj C Bukitagar and Akash Mukhopadhyay of Computer Science and Engineering bagged the offers with CTC of ₹39.2 lakh per annum. They have also been offered internships with stipend of ₹75,000 per month.

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INGREDIENTS

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- **Elaichi powder:** a pinch
- **Milk:** 1/2 cup
- **Ghee:** 1/2 cup

METHOD

- In a pan, pour ghee and let it heat on simmer. Then add milk powder and mix.
- After a minute, add milk and mix. Again, after a minute, add powdered sugar.
- Keep stirring till everything binds together and looks like a ball.
- Grease a plate. Transfer the mixture onto it and spread it evenly. Garnish with slivered nuts of your choice and let it set.
- Cut it into pieces and serve.

–Usha Rajagopal, Secunderabad

SPACE WATCH

A NEW CLASS OF PLANET

Supermassive black holes are among the most exciting and puzzling objects in the universe. They are at least a hundred thousand times the mass of our sun and are often surrounded by thick clouds of gas that radiate vast amounts of energy. When this happens, they are called active galactic nuclei. Discovering the properties of these clouds, and their curious central residents, is an ongoing exercise for astrophysicists. Now, researchers have a new phenomenon to consider – the idea that planets can form in the massive clouds of dust and gas around supermassive black holes. Last year, Keichi Wada at Kagoshima University in Japan, and a couple of colleagues showed that under certain conditions planets ought to form in these clouds. These black hole planets, or 'blanets', would be quite unlike any conventional planet and raise the possibility of an entirely new class of objects for astronomers to dream about. For the moment, the work is entirely theoretical, and the prospect of observing a blanet does not seem high. But if blanets do exist, the next question is whether they might support life. Exactly the question that arose following the release of the movie, Interstellar, which included a potentially habitable planet orbiting a black hole. The answer: probably not, although that is no reason for astronomers to stop looking!

Source: Astronomy.com

BRIGHT SPOT

GRANDPA'S GRAND GESTURE

João Stanganelli Jr. was in his 30s when he began showing signs of vitiligo. Now 64, the Brazilian has embraced his disease and is using art to spread awareness and to make other people with the condition to be proud of their body. After taking an early retirement from work owing to his health conditions, Stanganelli turned to Amigurumi, a crochet technique. He makes dolls with vitiligo. The idea came about when he wanted to gift his granddaughter something to remember him by. He made his first doll named Vitilinda, in 2018, who had spots and pigmentation on her skin. After the photos went viral, many people approached him to make personalised dolls. Stanganelli began to crochet more inclusive dolls, including figures that have vitiligo as well as characters in wheelchairs and those that are visually impaired. He has made more than 200 dolls.

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- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

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Puttaraju tries everything to woo his classmate, Shashikala, but she has to leave school after her father gets transferred to Shivamogga.

- Cast: Amith Gowda, Jayashree Aradhya

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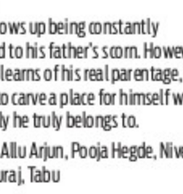
The universe began in a Big Bang nearly 14 billion years ago, and has been expanding ever since. But how does it expand and what is it expanding into? Sajan Saini explains the existing theories around the Big Bang and what, if anything, lies beyond our universe.

2 UNDERWATER FARMS VS CLIMATE CHANGE BY AYANA ELIZABETH JOHNSON AND MEGAN DAVIS

Farmed seafood is one of the fastest-growing food industries, but the farming methods echo the problems we've seen in industrial agriculture. Is there a way to sustainably farm the ocean? Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Megan Davis investigate.

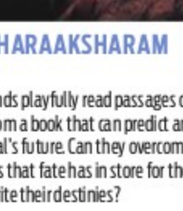


3 ARE YOU A BODY WITH A MIND OR A MIND WITH A BODY? BY MARYAM ALIMARDANI

Our bodies – the physical, biological parts of us – and our minds – the thinking, conscious aspects – have a complicated, tangled relationship. Which one primarily defines you or your self? Are you a body with a mind or a mind with a body? Maryam Alimardani investigates.

4 ARCHAEOLOGY FROM SPACE BY SARAH PARCAK

In this short talk, TED Fellow Sarah Parcak introduces the field of "space archaeology" – using satellite images to search for clues to the lost sites of past civilisations.



5 HOW TO BUILD A RESILIENT FUTURE USING ANCIENT WISDOM BY JULIA WATSON

From floating villages to living root bridges that strengthen over time, architect Julia Watson introduces us to some enduring innovations – and shows how they can teach us to design with nature, instead of against it.

FIT BIT

MULABANDHASANA

(ROOT LOCK POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'mula' means 'root' or 'base', 'bandha' means 'lock' and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is one of the three bandhas that direct the flow of prana (energy). The mula bandha is located between the sphincter and pelvic floor muscles. To engage the mula bandha, the pelvic floor is contracted and lifted toward the spine. It keeps prana flowing up through the body, rather than out of it. It is typically engaged during pranayama, but can also be applied effectively in yoga practice and meditation. It activates and purifies the Muladhara Chakra.

STEPS

- Sit in Baddhakonasana or the Butterfly Pose.
- Now take your hands between the thighs and calves and hold the respective feet.
- Join the soles and heels. Raise the heels, keeping the toes on the ground. Drag the feet near the perineum.
- Hold this position and let the palms rest on the back of the hips.
- Lift your body off the floor with the help of your hands and move the hips forward, simultaneously turning your feet and knees to push the heels forward without moving.
- Rest the entire body on your toes and knees and hold the pose from 30-60 seconds with deep breathing.
- To release the position, move your hands in front and bear the weight on them. Lift your trunk, turn your heels and then straighten your leg. When releasing the pose, don't put any weight on the legs.

BENEFITS

- Energises the body, builds core strength.
- Protects the muscles of the lower back.
- Improves clarity and concentration.
- It can regulate menstrual cycles, lower heart rates, reduce blood pressure and improve digestion.
- Exercises the prostate gland and gonads.
- It can control excessive sexual desire.
- Helps save energy.
- Strengthens the pelvic floor, relieves haemorrhoids and congestion in the pelvic area.
- Calms the autonomic nervous system, and relaxes the mind.
- Awakens the Kundalini Shakti.

LIMITATIONS

- Those suffering from hernia should avoid this.
- Women suffering from gynaecological problems should consult a yoga expert before performing this.
- Practise it only on an empty stomach.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)

An honest policeman, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam that quickly goes haywire.

- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta Simha, Prakash Raj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

GUNJAN SAXENA- THE KARGIL GIRL (Hindi)

The life of Air Force pilot, Gunjan Saxena, the first Indian female pilot in combat.

- Cast: Janhvi Kapoor, Pankaj Tripathi, Angad Bedi
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

RAAT AKELI HAI (Hindi)

When a newly married landlord is murdered, a misfit cop's investigation is complicated by the victim's secretive family.

- Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Radhika Apte, Shivani Raghuvanshi, Shweta Tripathi
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

WEEKEND (Kannada)

A group of friends, who are working in a private IT company, love to travel outside Bengaluru every weekend to beat the work stress. But Ajay, who works in the same company, believes in following different values in life.

- Cast: Milind, Anant Nag, Sanjana Burli
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

SUDANI FROM NIGERIA (Malayalam)

Majeed, a football manager, recruits three Nigerian footballers for his team. When Samuel, one of the players, is injured, Majeed lets him stay at his house and overtime, they develop a close bond.

- Cast: Samuel Robinson, Soubin Shahir, Aneesh Menon, Lukman
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ALA VAIKUNTAPURAMLO (Telugu)

Bantu grows up being constantly subjected to his father's scorn. However, when he learns of his real parentage, he decides to carve a place for himself within the family he truly belongs to.

- Cast: Allu Arjun, Pooja Hegde, Nivetha Pethuraj, Tabu
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

PANCHARAAKSHARAM (Tamil)

Five friends playfully read passages of doom from a book that can predict an individual's future. Can they overcome the tragedies that fate has in store for them and rewrite their destinies?

- Cast: Santhosh, Sana Althaf, Madhu Shalini, Gokul
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

ENGLISH/ FOREIGN

MOANA (English)

Moana, daughter of chief Tui, embarks on a journey to return the heart of goddess Te Fitti from Maui, a demigod, after the plants and the fish on her island start dying due to a blight.

- Cast: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Jemaine Clement
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

MAMMA MIA (English)

As Sophie and her family are busy preparing for her wedding, she secretly invites three men, who were her mother's lovers in the past, with the hope that one of them is her father.

- Cast: Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

PARASITE (Korean)

Greed and class discrimination threaten the newly formed symbiotic relationship between the wealthy Park family and the destitute Kim clan.

- Cast: Cho Yeo-jeong, Park So-dam, Choi Woo-shik, Kang-Ho Song
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (English)

After a murder takes place on a train journey, a detective decides to investigate and find the culprit among the passengers aboard. In the process, he also learns the true identity of the victim.

- Cast: Kenneth Branagh, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Judi Dench
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

THE DARING WAY

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
writer, actor and funny girl

Good morning, Bangalore!

It is that time of the week again when we get to interact and agree to disagree with each other. Of course, I do most of the talking/writing and it suits me just fine! (Who doesn't like to hear the sound of one's voice or pen, huh?) But honestly, I look forward to sharing a slice of my life, thoughts, information and views as it brings into focus what matters and what is important to each one of us. After all, however much our Id and Ego demands that we must believe that we are all unique and different, I would like to insert another perspective.

Perhaps physiologically we are very much alike. Like any ordinary living cell, we are stimulated and we react. Of course, our stimuli and reaction patterns may differ; but the basic pattern of a stimulus that evokes an involuntary response is no different from an amoeba! If one wants to giggle (whenever we take ourselves too seriously), this is one thought that will at least make you smile. Yes! We are no better than an amoeba!

As any self-respecting psychology student would infer, there is a big difference between reacting vis-a-vis responding. A response is studied and deliberate, while a reaction is almost involuntary. That, in my mind separates the riff from the raff! An intelligent and reasoned response keeps one grounded and rational. No amount of planted and illogical stories of the death of a young actor will, for example, shift my focus from the dismal state of our city and country even though it may satisfy the voyeuristic instincts and conspiracy theories of many. I empathise, but my weighed response helps me to understand that the core of the matter is apathy towards mental illness.

During these confusing times, we seek stimulus from people and things around us. One of my all-time favourite people is Casandra Brené Brown, an American professor, lecturer, author, and podcast host. She says, "We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our

pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, disconnection confusion and rage. We should not long to return to the old normal. We are being given an opportunity to stich a new garment. One that will fit all of humanity and nature".

How beautiful and succinctly said, and reading this has changed my perspective about these crazy times that have befallen us. My son, a 'pucca' millennium, was chatting with me from London. He had just picked up his 'stuff' from university and while carting it to London

realised how little of it he really needed. He was sharing about how the mind-set of most of the millenniums had changed. From compulsive buying of newer clothes, phones, gizmos and gadgets, the overriding urge to drink, eat and party more has altered. Now, a realisation has dawned that one has to be healthy and fit physically and mentally to face an unfamiliar future.

Rohan Belliappa, chef

I feel the 'millenniums' have gotten the hang of these times far better than the older lot. It is really very inspiring seeing many of my son's school buddies turning into smart entrepreneurs, taking into cognizance our altered reality, helping their parents and catering to their large base of customers by giving them what they want. Karan Virwani and Siddharth Mankani teamed up with chef Vikas and have come up with a concept of cloud kitchens dedicated to getting hygienic, tasty and pocket-friendly food to their patrons. By using three locations they ensure the food reaches fresh, their facilities are utilised and their staff employed. Rohan Belliappa, a young chef, returned home from NYC to optimise his father's Windsor Pub and now they have an online food facility making 'pub grub' available to everybody. It requires fortitude and courage to do what these lads are doing...

This is 'the call to courage'!

IN A FLASH

Launched after modelling came to a halt post lockdown, Sahana's self-portrait project has been a game changer for her

Monika Monalisa

Just like many others in the fashion industry, Sahana was also hit hard by the pandemic. But the model, who had no projects in hand at one time, sought opportunity in adversity, and is now making strides in the field of photography. When the city-based model started a self-portrait project on social media to beat the lockdown blues, little did she know that the series will get her noticed for her skills behind the camera, even bringing assignments her way.

The series, which has more than 50 self-clicked pictures, was started as a fun personal project to keep her going through the lockdown, and Sahana didn't expect to get such a huge level of appreciation for it. "I had lost so many projects due to the lockdown. It would have driven me mad if I had not come up with something. So I thought, why wait for someone to click me when I can do it myself," says Sahana, who is a engineer by profession and does modelling as a passion.

The whole process of shooting photos had always fascinated Sahana and she didn't want to "ruin the process" by clicking amateur pictures on phone camera. "I already had a DSLR and thought it was high time I started using it. So I placed an online order for lens , since it was just e-commerce websites

> **"After I lost projects, I thought, why wait for someone to click me when I can do it myself**
> —Sahana, model

that were functioning during the lockdown," she says.

Admitting that the first few pictures of the series were not up to the mark, since she was new to photography, she adds that she took it upon herself to learn the skill through online tutorials. "I also took help from my friends who are photographers. My father, who has been an old school photographer, guided me too," says Sahana, 34, adding that after around 50 pictures, she could clearly see an improvement in her as a photographer.

Now, the Whitefield resident does not want to stop just with this series. "Many photographers who used to call me for campaign shoots are now contacting me to collaborate with them even behind the lens. Many models have also reached out to me to shoot their portfolios," says Sahana, adding, "I started this to learn something new and feed my craving of posing in front of the camera, but now I am looking towards a new career opportunity. This is nothing less than a fairy tale to me."

Partition, peripheries and beyond

Kamla Bhasin, author

Express Features

Kavita Gupta Sabharwal, co-founder of Neev Literature Festival for Children, had often wondered how they would make the shift from an episodic physical festival to a "year-round dial tone" as she calls it. But the pandemic provided the answer of taking the online route. On Independence Day, they held three sessions with noted historians, curators, authors and filmmakers, and discussed various narratives, including Partition and peripheries.

"To achieve traction with children, we realised that we had to be present year round. Of course, the power and magic of a physical festival cannot be replaced," she says. The session on August 15 was a precursor to a larger festival in September. "In the current situation, we weren't sure if and when we would go on with our festival, which is usually held in September-end. But we thought Independence Day is good time to start a conversation. Does freedom mean the same to a girl in North-East India as it does to a boy in Mumbai?," says Sabharwal, about the festival themed around 'Imaginery Lines'.

The first panel featured activist and children's author Kamla Bhasin; Mallika Ahluwalia, the CEO and co-founder of Partition Museum; and filmmaker Santosh Sivan focusing on the absence of public debate on Partition. The second panel included children's author and social activist Rinchin, author-filmmaker Kenny Basumatary; and storyteller-filmmaker Aijaz Khan, who discussed the vexed situation in Kashmir, the many flashpoints, dormant and active, in the Northeast, and the periphery at the Red Corridor. In addition, storyteller Kapil Pandey took the children through a musical storytelling session.

Young adult author and historian **Siddhartha Sarma**, who moderated the sessions, believes that each generation has to re-engage with the foundations of this country and the democratic ideals of the republic. "With the passage of time, the emotions felt by the generation which gave Independence to India might appear distant and muted. But one way in which the upcoming generation can begin the task of solving the problems of India today is to understand the roots of this country and its struggle for freedom. One may perhaps call it a re-introduction to the idea of India," he says.

Compared to those who grew up watching Doordarshan, Basumatary pointed out that the current generation probably has little idea about the freedom movement and even recent events that shaped our history. "My own observation is that very few people read nowadays. I feel films and web shows are the best way to get children to learn about our history, although even those have to pass through many layers to end up with a worthy finished product without being jingoistic or over-dramatic," he says.

Rinchin finds that conflicts and discrimination of some communities are often not reflected in the discourses that target youth. "Most often they are seen as one lumped group. Literature that comes from various marginalities, contexts and experiences will validate and amplify voices that are not heard," says Rinchin.

Covid spike continues to play spoiler

Vidya Iyengar

Bengaluru's popular hangout, Koshy's, where writers, artists and the like spent hours debating, discussing or just dreaming over appam and stew, and cutlets and coffee, will continue to remain closed. If the pandemic had showed some promise of a downward climb, Koshy's would have re-opened on August 17. But noticing Saturday's figures (3,495 cases in Bengaluru), owner Prem Koshy has decided to postpone the re-opening probably to early September, if all goes well. The restaurant was closed temporarily on July 23, after being open for about 23 days after the lockdown was lifted.

"Our priority is safety of our staff and guests. With cases rising, opening is becoming increasingly difficult. Even if we do, we are not sure how many people will step out of their houses," says Koshy, whose restaurant saw a drop of 80-85 per cent in footfall after they opened it with 50 per cent capacity. Talking about how customers often don't adhere to norms completely, he says, "Sometimes people wear masks on their chins, or go over for a discussion at another table. In these times of social distancing, we must keep these factors in mind."

Also, having come across friends getting infected, Koshy felt that waiting a while longer would be better. "Although no staffer has been affected, we don't want to take a chance," he says, adding that if things get better earlier, they could open before September too. Meanwhile, Koshy has remained busy with the bakery on St Mark's Road which remains open.

Two to tango

Not only did Samyuktha Hegde pick up a new skill during this pandemic but she is nailing it as well. Though new to the world of hula hooping, the actor is quickly advancing far beyond beginner levels. A new post by her on Instagram shows her casually balancing not one but two hula hoops as she combines them with some free-flowing dance moves. As she rightly captioned her post, "double trouble" indeed!

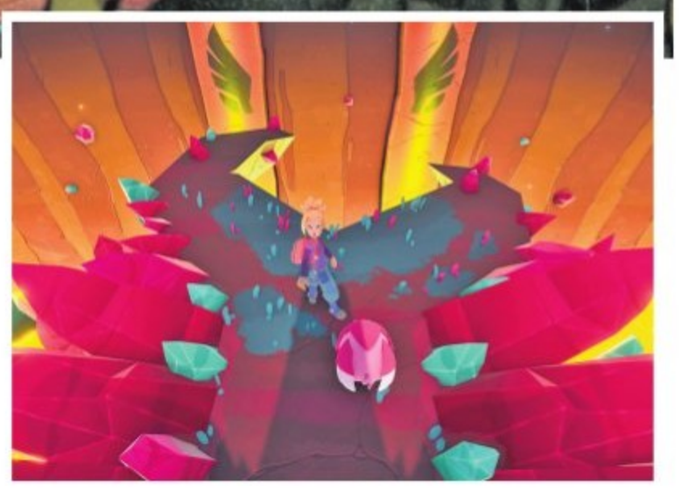
ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

STATE OF PLAY, AND WHY WOULD YOU PLAY CUPHEAD AGAIN?

There was another State of Play update last week, as a PS (postscript) to the PS5 launch announcement. That terrible pun was placed to ease you into the fact that there were no particularly exciting releases announced for the current and future consoles. The 42-minute advertisement teased a bunch of platformers and VR adventures– if we want to dissociate further away from reality. Now, it seems like Nintendo is the PlayStation's chief competitor in the console wars (nice try with the free games weekend though, Xbox). State of Play showed a brand-new 'Crash Bandicoot' trying to one-up Mario, and 'The Pathless', which works a lot like the Zelda adventures. Even the Pokémon lookalike, Temtem (previously in beta for the PC) is now scheduled to release for the PS4. Which brings me to the topic of discussion this week.

PS4 copped out by releasing Cuphead on its platform, and I bought it. Cuphead is a game that has tortured everyone who interacted with it. The artists probably struggled with painting the intricate frame-by-frame artwork. The musicians had to make the soundtrack in a possibly 1920s recording environment. The developers had to deal with the guilt of creating the toughest possible boss battles.



Gamers had to experience the pain of repeated failure with minimal gratification. This was a foolish purchase, reasoned as an experiment. I wanted to check if the game's difficulty is a function of console. The experiment was to be controlled on my 3 additional years of additional gaming experience. Would this change my perception of this game that everyone loves to hate? Are PS4 finger blisters more bearable than potential carpal tunnel?

Although my gaming skills have clearly not improved, the wise that I have accrued over the years helped me think better of Cuphead. I didn't even cuss in my livestreams. Cuphead is nothing like an ab-workout. You know it is going to cause you pain and take a long time for success. But unlike an ab-workout, the bragging rights are not tangible. In fact, the game eliminates the possibility of bragging. If being shot down by a cartoon potato 103 times does not make you humble, nothing will.

If being punched-out by a two-dimensional tadpole 67 times in 40 minutes does not make you feel weak, nothing can. Cuphead teaches you humility, patience, and the truth of life. Working hard does not mean it will all be worth it. Cuphead is the perfect game for disillusioned adults. Play it every time you feel too big-headed. Play it if you want to have a nice cry. Play it. Play.

TOPPERS

Kids Global School, Marathahalli (SSLC)

PAVITHRA.M
84%

EVANGELIN ANTHU MARY .S
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AVINASH.G
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JEEVAN GURUNG
83.52%

NITHITHA.G
80.16%

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I want to complete shoot for *Love Mocktail 2* by Dec: Krishna

The actor, who has completed a shooting schedule, revealed the first-look poster on Saturday; he says this film will not have as intense emotions as the first part, and will instead come with a lot of humour

I have completed the portions which required a beard. I have now gotten back to sporting my usual clean-shaven look
— **Krishna,** director

CE Features

Krishna is back to creating a buzz with *Love Mocktail 2*. The actor, who gained a lot of attention with his debut directorial, *Love Mocktail*, revealed the first look of the sequel on Saturday. The poster, which sees the actor in a bearded look, long hair, and a face full of emotions brings out another shade of his character, Adhitya. This will be one of Krishna's characters in *Love Mocktail 2*.

It was surprising to learn that the actor has begun shooting for *Love Mocktail 2*, and has even completed its first schedule. "I have completed the portions which required a beard. I have now gotten back to sporting my usual clean-shaven look," says Krishna, who shot in Bengaluru, and completed the schedule with a few travel shots. "We worked on the schedule with a minimum crew," the actor-director tells us. "I want to complete shoot by December," he adds.

Unlike *Love Mocktail* which was an emotional romantic drama, the sequel comes with a lot of humour. This offering will have varied emotions, but not as intense as the first part. The characters, and situations are what makes the sequel to the romantic drama a little more hilarious. Except for Krishna, the team is yet to reveal details of the rest of the cast, which will be done as and when they join the sets. Music Director Raghu Dixit and cinematographer and editor Shri CrazyMindz who were associated with *Love Mocktail* will be a part of the sequel.

Apart from *Love Mocktail*, Krishna also has in line *srikrishna@gmail.com*, which also features Bhavana in the female lead. The film, directed by Nagashekar under Sandesh Productions, will begin shooting in Mysuru soon.

The actor talks about completing 17 years in the Kannada film industry, and how he is looking forward to doing more work

Can't wait to return to sets in September for *Madagaja*: Sriimurali

CE Features

Seventeen years of Roarism – that's how Sriimurali's fans celebrated the actor's film journey in Sandalwood. Having made his debut with *Chandra Chakori*, which was released on August 15, 2003, the *Kanti* actor has since then been associated with 24 films. Known as the Roaring Star among his fans, Sriimurali saw success and failures, before *Ugramm*, directed by Prashanth Neel, gave a U-turn to his career. Happy to have travelled this far, Sriimurali says the Covid-19 pandemic didn't make him realise that he has completed 17 years in his film journey. "The pandemic has spoilt our happiness. Other than that, I feel blessed with the path I have taken, and having earned so much of love from fans and industry colleagues, I look forward to doing more work," he says.

We are done with relaxation, and it's time we cover whatever has been missed out. However, we will join the sets with a lot of cautions. We are making sure to bring all kinds of safety measures, and it will be quite challenging
— **Sriimurali,** actor

Sriimurali had planned to start three projects in 2020, which could not get materialised, and the actor is now gearing up to resume shooting for *Madagaja* from September first week. The film, directed by Mahesh Kumar, and produced under the banner of Umapathy Films, had been started earlier this year, and 25 percent of the shoot was done in Varanasi before the lockdown was clamped. The team is now planning the next schedule, for which a new set is being created at Minerva Mills by the art director. "I can't wait to get back to the sets and start the shoot. We are done with relaxation, and it's time we cover whatever has been missed out. However, we will join the sets with a lot of cautions. We are making sure to bring all kinds of safety measures, and it will be quite challenging," he says. *Madagaja* has Ashika Ranganath paired opposite Sriimurali as the female lead. The film has five tracks composed by Ravi Basrur, for which lyrics have been written by Chethan Kumar, Kinnal Raj, and the music director himself. DOP Naveen Kumar, who has worked in *Mufti*, is handling the camera for *Madagaja*.

RAVICHANDRAN JUNIOR DOESN'T WANT TO CARRY BAGGAGE OF BEING A STAR'S SON

Vikram Ravichandran, who is working on his debut as hero in *Trivikrama*, has come out of his comfort zone in this film

I blindly believe my father, and usually go by what he says. But while working with another director, I have to do a lot on my own. So, I was well prepared, shared my opinion, and also heard what the director had to say
— **Vikram Ravichandran,** actor

A Sharadhaa

A teaser was Vikram Ravichandran's birthday gift on August 16 by the makers of *Trivikrama*. Released on A2 music channel, it introduced the hero in a mass avatar. What's interesting about this project and for the actor is that his first film as a hero will get a pan-Indian appeal with its release in different languages.

The Kannada film, directed by Sahana Murthy and made under Gowri Entertainers, will be dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi. About being a debutant whose first film will release in other languages, Vikram credits the producers who have taken this decision. "I wanted *Trivikrama* to be a full-fledged Kannada film," he says. However, the makers were confident about the script, and after watching the first rushes, they felt *Trivikrama* suited a pan-India release. "I wish I had known about this earlier, it would have helped act differently in certain situations and scenes, which will have an appeal in all languages. Having said that, I am happy, and at the same time it is a gamble," he says.

Vikram also spills the beans that he may associate with the same production house and director Sahana Murthy for another project, but confirms that it will not be an immediate one. "Working with Sahana Murthy and the production house is like working on the home banner. However, this will be a film that will go on floors in 2022, as I have reserved dates for a few other projects, which will take off in 2021. Details of these films will be made official once everything gets finalised," Vikram tells us. If not for the lockdown, *Trivikrama* would have been released by now, which has now got postponed nearly by eight months. "The pandemic has given a small break to everyone, and we are going slow. However, I am not losing hope. After what people are going through, they will come to theatres to relax and we look forward to impressing all of them with our entertainers." he says.

The actor who has worked with his father, Ravichandran, shares his experience of working with another director. "At first it was difficult to adjust, which is the case with any newcomer. I developed a good rapport with director Sahana Murthy who got me involved from the time he started working on the script. By the time we reached the sets, we were like brothers working on a project," says Vikram, adding, "The moment we were shooting, there would be changes of opinion. I blindly believe my father, and usually go by what he says. But while working with another director, I have to do a lot on my own. So, I was well prepared, shared my opinion, and also heard what the director had to say," says Vikram, recalling his last birthday when he had an emotional scene to enact. "It was the second day of my shoot," he mentions.

Being the son of the Crazy Star, he doesn't believe in carrying the baggage of being a star child. "I am quite a friendly person, and everyone knows that by now. I often follow my father's words who always said that as actors, we need to go by the director's vision and satisfy his dream. I make sure I follow it this in my films," says the actor, who is now waiting to resume shooting for the two pending songs in *Trivikrama*, before he takes on his next.

Freida bags TV adaptation of *The Henna Artist*

As an actress, I cannot wait to dive back into the stories of my motherland and make my women (and my men) of all backgrounds, with all their good and their complexities, feel seen and heard — **Freida Pinto,** actor

CE Features

Actress Freida Pinto of *Slumdog Millionaire* fame will star in and produce the TV series on *The Henna Artist*.

The Henna Artist, Alka Joshi's bestselling debut novel, is based on 17-year old Lakshmi, who escapes from an abusive marriage and makes her way alone to the 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There, she becomes the most highly requested henna artist and confidante to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she never can reveal her own. "*The Henna Artist* has tremendous potential to become that bingeable, high-quality, multilayered television show that honours the glory and beauty of India, its culture and its people," said Pinto, reports deadline.com.

"As an actress, I cannot wait to dive back into the stories of my motherland and make my women (and my men) of all backgrounds, with all their good and their complexities, feel seen and heard," said the actress, who was born and raised in India.

Harleen Sethi to star as army officer in *The Test Case 2*

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Harleen Sethi is set to play an army officer in the second season of web show, *The Test Case*. The teaser of the show, released on Independence Day, has Harleen donning the uniform in a "dream role".

"My excitement level has peaked, as this is a one-of-a-kind role. For me, it is a dream role. I always wanted to wear the uniform in the honour of our armed forces, the 'real heroes', as a mark of respect to their selfless work and courage," said Harleen. She feels the show will test her acting skills. "The preparation and shooting experience will certainly push my boundaries physically and emotionally as an actor and as an individual," she noted.

The first season of The Test Case featured Nimrat Kaur in the starring role of Captain Shikha Sharma.

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